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HIGHER EDUCATION CUTS?

"There is no doubt tough choices must be made, but one such recommendation hits too close to home with zeroing out the Odessa College budget. This is one of those tough choices that should not have been recommended and I am committed to supporting Rep. Tryon Lewis in his efforts to ensure Odessa College receives the funding it needs."

Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland

$145M
How much the budget is looking to cut funding for junior colleges

$199M
How much Odessa College brings into the community

21.9
Percentage of increase in OC's enrollment since 2007

Rep. Tryon Lewis, R- Odessa is a former student of Odessa College

$9.5M
Amount bill calls for reduction in funding for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin

$1.7M
Amount bill calls for cuts to Midland College

Locals ready to fight for Odessa College

By Tony Waggoner
Staff Writer

Local legislators and college officials are gearing up for a fight to save Odessa College.

A state house budget bill proposal released this week would call for zero funding for four state community colleges, including Odessa College.

OC President Gregory Williams was not immediately available for comment but released a statement Wednesday saying the college was surprised by the proposed budget but was aware it was just the first step in a long and difficult process for the Legislature.

The bill wasn't what college administrators anticipated. Before the release of the House bill, Cheri Dalton, director of media relations and publications, said they expected a 10 percent to 15 percent cut in state funding.

The other colleges targeted by the bill are Brazosport College in Lake Jackson, Frank Phillips College in Borger and Ranger College.

The closures are part of an overall proposal to cut $145 million in state funding to community and junior colleges in Texas.

If Odessa College were to close, the impact could be widely felt.

A recent analysis estimated the college's average annual added income to the community is around $199 million annually, because of activities of the college and its former students, Dalton said. That amount equates to around 2.2 percent of the Odessa College district's economy, according to Dalton. The study accounted for, in part, student spending and productivity and the college's total spending.

In his statement, Williams said the college has experienced unprecedented growth. Since 2007 enrollment has increased 21.9 percent and contact hours — the number of credit hours students sit in class — increased by

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School presidents respond to House budget proposal

By Tony Waggoner
Staff Writer

The first sign of state cuts to higher education has Midland College and University of Texas of the Permian Basin administrators expressing concern.

In a budget bill released late Tuesday, the Texas House of Representatives called for a $9.5 million reduction in funding for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and $1.7 million in cuts for Midland College over the next two years.

The bill allocates UTPB approximately $27.7 million and about $8.9 million to Midland College in each of the next two years.

By comparison, UTPB received $32.4 million and Midland College $9.7 million in preceding years.

The $9.5 million reduction represents a 25.5 percent decrease over the last biennium for UTPB, President David Watts said. The proposed cut is larger than expected.

"It is much larger than what we were hoping would happen," Watts said.

Watts expressed even greater concern for cuts to UTPB programs.

The House bill calls for a 40 percent reduction in funding to financial aid for the university. Grant programs would also be cut by 40 percent under

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Lawmakers: Fiscal responsibility top priority

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

Midlanders Wednesday started to learn the sometimes stark reality of what it will require to hold the line on taxes while working to continue funding state services amid a shortfall.

Some state programs will be cut entirely while others will be reduced significantly and still others could be sustained by passing costs down to counties and cities.

The plan released in Austin Tuesday and posted online by the House Legislative Budget board on Wednesday is preliminary, local lawmakers said. But, they stressed, it does accurately reflect the shifts that are going to have to take place.

"The fact is this budget does show just how big of a budget problem we have and how dramatic the solutions are going to have to be and how much Texas government is going to have to shrink," Rep. Tryon Lewis, R-Odessa, said.

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Midland native to run for Senate

■ Michael Williams will leave Railroad Commission.

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams said Wednesday he will be stepping down from the agency in order to campaign for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Kay Bailey Hutchison next year.

Williams

Speaking by phone from Austin, the Midland native said his resignation will be effective April 2. He explained that he wanted to give Gov. Rick Perry and his staff time to decide when they wanted to appoint a new commissioner and who they might want to appoint.

INSIDE
Republican Ted Cruz, former state solicitor general, anounces bid for U.S. Senate.
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Of his decision to resign, he said, "In order to be truly competitive in this race, I need to get going. I didn't want voters to think I needed to hold to that power. I felt it was fairer to them for me to run (for Senate) as a private citizen."

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Former MHS teacher pleads guilty

■ Deborah Suzanne Morton accused of giving drugs to students.

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A former Midland High School debate teacher has pleaded guilty to a federal charge of distributing narcotics to her students.

Morton

Deborah Suzanne Morton, 56, could face a sentence of up to 20 years in

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House votes to repeal health care law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Swiftly honoring a campaign pledge, newly empowered Republicans pushed legislation to repeal the nation's year-old health care overhaul through the House Wednesday night, brushing aside implacable opposition in the Senate and a veto threat from President Barack Obama.

The 245-189 vote was largely along party lines, and cleared the way for the second phase of the "repeal and replace" promise that victorious Republicans made to the voters last fall. GOP officials said that in the coming months, congressional committees will propose changes to the existing legislation, calling for elimination of a requirement for individuals to purchase coverage, for example, and recommending curbs on medical malpractice lawsuits.

Republicans also intend to try to reverse many of the changes Democrats made to Medicare Advantage, the private alternative to the traditional government-run health care program for seniors.

Like the repeal bill itself, these other measures will require Senate approval and a presidential signature to take effect, and the prospect is for months of maneuvering on the issue.

Debate across two days leading to the vote was markedly restrained, as lawmakers in both political parties observed self-imposed vows of civility in the wake of the shooting in Arizona that left six dead and Rep. Gabrielle Giffords wounded.

But there was no mistaking the significance many first-term Republican lawmakers attached to a day they had long waited for, finally getting a chance to speak and then vote on the House floor against a law they had campaigned for months to repeal.

Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C., said the legislation produced by Obama and congressional Democrats was a "job-killing, socialistic" approach to health care.

Rep. Frank Guinta, of New Hampshire, who defeated a Democratic incumbent last fall, said it was misguided, needing repeal.

"The American people have soundly, soundly rejected the Democrats' government takeover of health care," said Rep. Sandy Adams, of Florida. Rep. Steve Southerland, also of Florida, said the law imposes a crushing tax burden on businesses, and he predicted "1.6 million jobs will be lost by 2014 due to this mandate" to require many businesses to provide coverage for employees. Both Floridians won their seats by turning out Democratic incumbents.

"This is not symbolic. This is why we were sent here," added Rep. Michelle Bachman, of Minnesota, a third term conservative with strong support among tea party activists.

On the short end of the vote, Democrats challenged Republican claims and highlighted politically popular elements of the bill that would be wiped out if repeal took effect.

Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., accused some Republicans of "the height of hypocrisy" by voting to repeal a vast expansion of health care at the same time they had signed up for coverage for their families through a government-organized program available to lawmakers.

Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., said that despite claims of employment loss, the economy had added jobs in each of the past 10 months.

In one of the most animated speeches of two days of debate, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., said repeal would return power to insurance companies. "Has anybody, any family in America, any single mother, any spouse, any child, any grandparent met a more bureaucratic system than the American health insurance system? There is no more bureaucratic system."

Three Democrats voted with Republicans on the repeal measure: Dan Boren, of Oklahoma; Mike McIntyre, of North Carolina; and Mike Ross, of Arkansas.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has said the legislation will not see the light of day there, but the GOP Leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, said bluntly, "I assure you we will" have a vote on it.

The law faces another challenge, well beyond the reach of Obama's veto pen. More than half the states have filed suits against it, and while some judges have upheld the legislation, one recently ruled it was unconstitutional to require individuals to purchase insurance. The Supreme Court is widely expected to have the final word.

REACTIONS FROM STATE LAWMAKERS

"Today is a good day for the future of America. Today we took a step toward improved, budget-conscious, job-creating health care. The days of hidden costs packed in massive bills are over, and so it is fitting that the new House of Representatives begins with a full repeal of the Democrats' costly healthcare law."

Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas

"I applaud today's House vote to repeal Obamacare, which if left in place stands to cost Texans $27 billion over 10 years starting in 2014, and I strongly urge the Senate to join in the rejection of this overreaching and harmful legislation. I'm hopeful this represents the first step toward a renewed and honest debate on real heath care reform in America."

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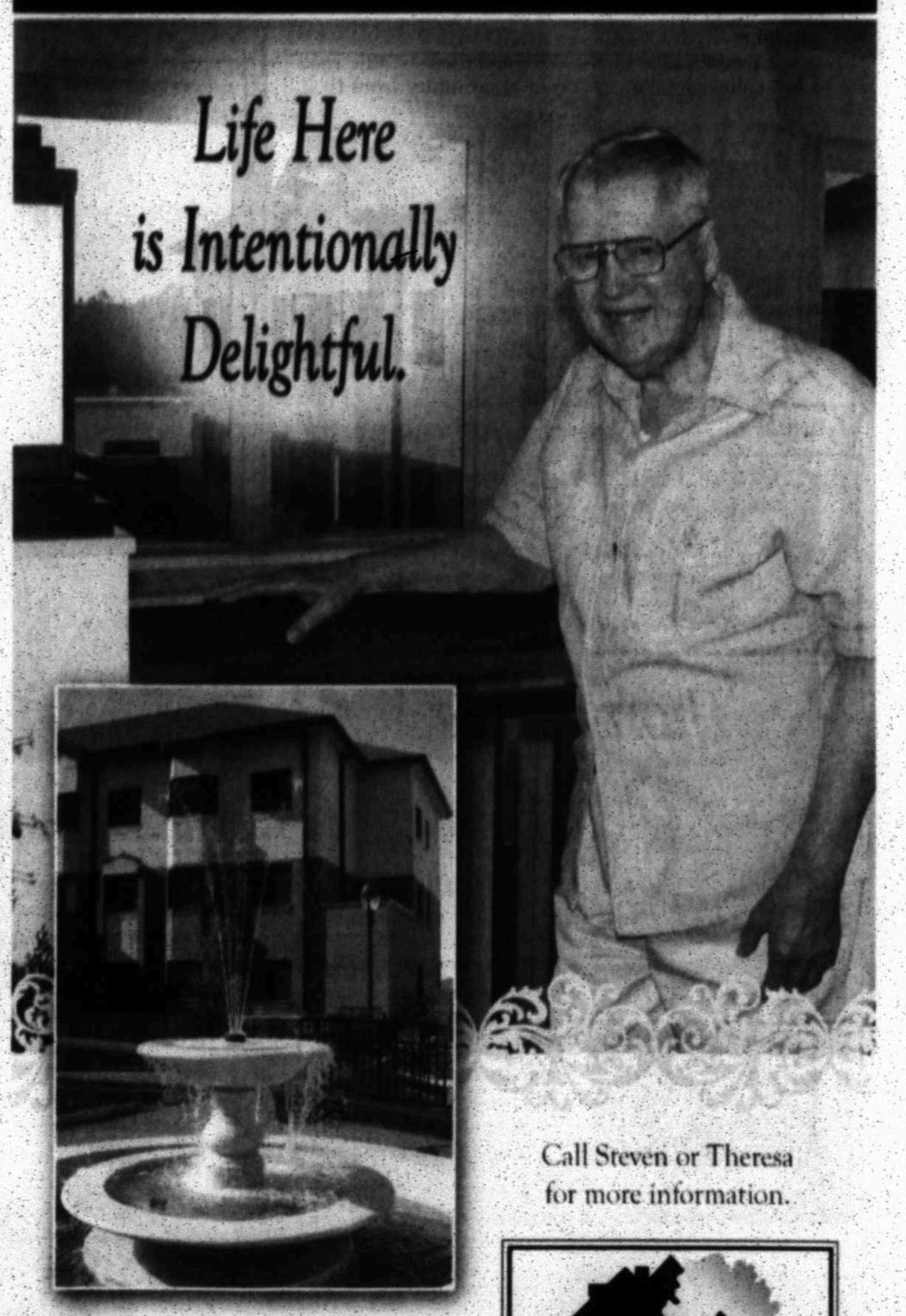

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Giffords to relearn basic skills in Houston rehab

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Less than two weeks after surviving a bullet through the brain, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords is to be moved to Houston to begin an arduous journey of intensive mental and physical rehabilitation.

She'll have to relearn how to think and plan. It's unclear if she is able to speak or how well she can see. And while she is moving both arms and legs, it's uncertain how much strength she has on her right side.

Her swift transition from an intensive care unit to a rehab center is based on the latest research, which shows the sooner rehab starts, the better patients recover.

Giffords' family hopes to move the Arizona congresswoman on Friday to TIRR Memorial Hermann hospital in Houston, where her husband lives and works as an astronaut. The exact day of the move will depend on her health.

"I am extremely hopeful at the signs of recovery that my wife has made since the shooting," Mark Kelly said in a statement released by Giffords' congressional office. The staff at University Medical Center in Tucson "has stabilized her to the point of being ready to move to the rehabilitation phase."

Dr. John Holcomb, retired Army colonel and a trauma surgeon at the Houston hospital, praised the care she received in Tucson and said Giffords would "move quickly toward a tailored and comprehensive rehab plan."

Giffords was shot in the forehead Jan. 8 while meeting with constituents outside a grocery store in Tucson. She remains in serious condition. Her recovery has amazed her family and impressed her doctors, who say she is improving every day.

Over the weekend, Giffords was weaned off the ventilator and had her breathing tube replaced with a tracheotomy tube in her windpipe. Doctors also inserted a feeding tube to boost her calorie intake and repaired her right eye socket, which was damaged by the bullet.

Since being taken off sedation, Giffords has been alert and opening her eyes more often. She also started rigorous physical therapy, dangling her legs over her bedside to exercise her muscles and sitting in a chair for periods at a time. Kelly told ABC in an interview that she gave him a neck rub.

The gunman shot 18 other people, killing six and wounding 12. All survivors have been released from hospitals, and doctors say the hospital is now no longer the best place for Giffords.

"When she's medically stable, there's really no reason to keep her there," where she could get infections and other complications long known to plague patients with long hospital stays, said Dr. Steve Williams, rehab chief at Boston Medical Center and the Boston University School of Medicine.

"Over the last five to 10 years, there has been a big push to getting patients rapidly to rehab," because research shows they recover faster and better the earlier therapy starts, he said.

Giffords likely will be moved to Houston by Medevac jet, Williams said, and there is little risk of a brain injury from flying. Since part of her skull has been removed, there is less pressure on the brain, and there has been no problem with swelling during her recovery. During rehab, she probably will wear a helmet.

Once she arrives in Houston, doctors will do a complete assessment of what Giffords can and cannot do, said Dr. Reid Thompson, neurosurgery chief at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

"The rehab is going to be pretty intense for her, both cognitively and physically," because she'll need to recover frontal lobe functions, Thompson said. "She's going to have to relearn how to think, plan, organize."

A penetrating brain injury like a bullet wound leaves a specific path of damage. Giffords' wound path appears to be below the motor cortex, which controls movement, but may include an area controlling speech, Williams said.

He is not involved in Giffords' care and based his comments on diagrams and reports of her injury that have been made public so far.

"One of the questions is whether she'll be able to speak," Williams said. Giffords has a breathing tube now, and even if this impedes her speech, she might be able to mouth words. "That would be a good indication that she at least is able to express herself," Williams said.

Associated Press

LIFE TALK Mark Kelly, husband of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, talks about his life with Gabby on Tuesday at the University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz.

Official: Federal judge helped save man's life

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — John Roll was called a fair federal judge and a loving family man at his funeral. Now, some are also calling him a hero.

Surveillance footage of the Jan. 8 shooting rampage in Tucson showed that he used his body as a shield to cover an injured man. Roll then took a bullet to the back, and lost his life in the process.

"The judge is a hero," Pima County sheriff's Chief Rick Kastigar said.

Acts of heroism — the intern running toward a gravely wounded Rep. Gabrielle Giffords or the bystanders tackling the gunman — helped lift the spirits of a shocked nation soon after the shooting.

The ensuing days focused on Giffords' condition and the death of a 9-year-old girl born on Sept. 11, 2001.

The new details from the surveillance video showed the full extent of Roll's visit to the supermarket where Giffords was holding a meet-and-greet event with constituents.

Kastigar said he watched the first part of the surveillance video, which has been turned over to the FBI. The agency has declined to release it. Kastigar described the video's contents.

"You know, I've been a cop for three decades and I've seen some pretty traumatic and disturbing things, and this was very, very upsetting to watch this," Kastigar said.

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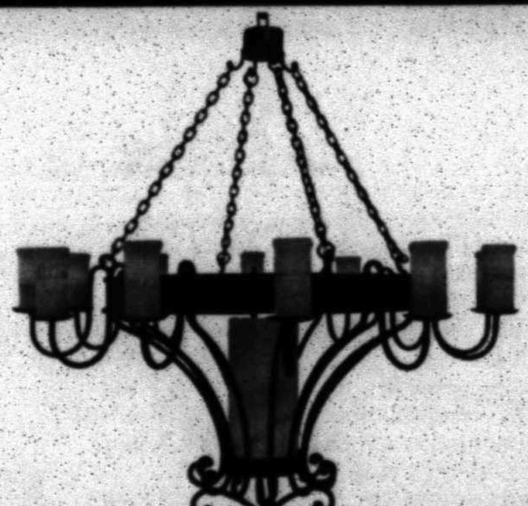
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prison and a minimum three-year sentence of mandatory supervised release. She also is subject to a fine not to exceed $1 million.

A sentencing date had not been scheduled as of press time. Morton entered her guilty plea Wednesday morning before U.S. Magistrate Judge David Counts.

The Midland Police Department received a tip that the debate teacher at MHS was trading hydrocodone pills for methadone and hydro-marijuana, according to a factual basis.

Drug Enforcement Agency officials then went to Morton's home to conduct an investigation. Her home is located in the 4300 block of Storey Avenue directly across the street from Doug Russell Pool and within 1,000 feet of Alamo Junior High School, court documents stated.

When authorities arrived, they found her to be in possession of marijuana and 12 units of methadone — a synthetic narcotic similar to morphine.

During the interview, agents said Morton admitted to allowing two co-defendants in the case, David Bonilla and Christian Porter, to smoke marijuana with her at her home.

She also told authorities that Bonilla was her methadone supplier but denied ever purchasing marijuana or distributing any controlled substances, the factual basis stated.

While agents were leaving the home, a third co-defendant in the case, Eric Rodriguez, arrived with marijuana to sell to Morton. Court records showed that she "was adamant that she didn't know why he was at her house," before finally admitting to officials that she did know him.

Bonilla told authorities he had met Morton through Porter and supplied her with methadone in exchange for cash or hydrocodone.

He admitted to supplying her with 2,080 liquid units of methadone, which he obtained through Martin Cano, a fourth defendant charged in the drug trafficking case.

Court documents stated that Morton had distributed about 60 hydrocodone pills as a form of payment for the methadone.

Porter told agents he currently is living with Morton, that she was his former debate teacher and she had distributed hydrocodone and marijuana to him and others on multiple occasions.

He told authorities the night DEA agents were leaving the home, Rodriguez was there to deliver marijuana to Morton and was her supplier.

Porter also admitted to purchasing various types of pills from others for Morton, dating back to when he was a student in her class, the factual basis claimed.

A review of Morton's cell phone and text messages confirmed her involvement in the drug trafficking of methadone, hydrocodone, oxycodone and marijuana, authorities said.

Court documents stated that Cano had obtained multiple quantities of methadone from a local clinic and that prescription records for Morton showed she had obtained 2,400 hydrocodone pills in the past year up to her Oct. 28 arrest.

During the past year, it also was found she had distributed a minimum of 150 hydrocodone pills and had traded some for marijuana for either her own consumption or to distribute to Porter and Bonilla, court records showed.

Between June 2010 and October 2010, authorities said Morton purchased from Rodriguez about two grams of marijuana every two to three days.

The Midland Independent School District placed Morton on administrative leave following her arrest.

Cano was entered a guilty plea Wednesday afternoon for his involvement with the drug trafficking ring. Bonilla, Rodriguez and Porter are expected to go before Counts this morning and plead guilty as well.

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Dems, some Republicans unhappy with proposed cuts

By April Castro
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas' proposed $73.2 billion state spending plan that makes large cuts to education is just a starting point, but the final version will be no less painful if lawmakers keep rejecting tax increases and tapping the Rainy Day Fund, the lead House budget writer said Wednesday.

Lawmakers got their first glimpse of what the next state budget might look like late Tuesday, as the state faces a revenue shortfall of at least $15 billion for the next two years. Adhering to promises of no tax increases and no money from the Rainy Day Fund, the revenue was mainly made up with about $14 billion in cuts to state programs. The Texas Constitution requires a balanced budget.

Proposed cuts so far include almost $5 billion to public education and the closure of four community colleges. The base budget does not pay for an estimated 160,000 new students who are expected to enroll in public schools over the next two years.

Republican Rep. Jim Pitts, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, outlined the plan to lawmakers Wednesday and took some pointed questions.

"There's nothing in this bill that's not painful," Pitts said in response to questions from a lawmaker upset about a community college targeted for closure. "I wish I had a crystal ball that said what's going to happen by May."

In education alone, the proposed budget would cut money for arts education, pre-kindergarten programs, teacher incentive pay and dozens of other programs. Financial aid programs like Texas Grants would be closed to new students and funding to colleges and universities would be decreased significantly.

The proposal would make public school finance reform legislation almost inevitable, because there's not enough money allotted for schools based on funding formulas in the law.

And even though Republican leaders have vowed not to raise taxes, the budget proposes millions of dollars in new fees. For instance, state employees and retirees who smoke would pay a $30-a-month "tobacco user monthly premium surcharge" for their health insurance and the attorney general's office would charge an "annual child support service fee," a "monthly child support processing fee" and an "electronic filing of documents fee."

The budget draft, which is expected to be filed as legislation in the House this week, would spend $73.2 billion in state money and $156.4 billion in all funds for the 2012-13 budget period.

Ex-solicitor general Cruz runs for US Senate

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Republican Ted Cruz, of Houston, is running for U.S. Senate.

The former state solicitor general says he filed the paperwork Wednesday.

Cruz seeks to replace GOP Sen. Kay Bay Hutchison, who last week announced she would not seek another term.

Cruz, who was solicitor general from 2003 to 2008, says Texans should fight for limited government, less spending, lower taxes, individual liberty and preserving the Constitution.

ODESSA

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18.2 percent, he said.

News of the House bill proposal spread across the Permian Basin.

Midland College President Steve Thomas weighed in on the announcement, stating the Texas Association of Community Colleges would lobby hard to reverse the decision to close Odessa College. He said the association was shocked by the announcement and was trying to obtain more information about what led to the House's recommendation.

Thomas said it was too early to tell what the impact would be on Midland College.

The Senate has yet to produce its budget bill, which could oppose the House bill proposal, Dalton said.

"There is a lot to be done between now and when the budget actually goes to a vote," she said.

Odessa College is likely to not go down without a fight. The college has rallied support from some legislators, including Rep. Tryon Lewis, R-Odessa, Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, and Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo.

"There is no doubt tough choices must be made, but one such recommendation hits too close to home with zeroing out the Odessa College budget," Craddick said in a statement. "This is one of those tough choices that should not have been recommended and I am committed to supporting Rep. Tryon Lewis in his efforts to ensure Odessa College receives the funding it needs."

Lewis, a former Odessa College student, is leading the charge and said he was confident fair funding would be maintained and the decision would be reversed by the end of the legislative session.

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FISCAL

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Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, agreed. Though the preliminary numbers are far from permanent, Craddick said the bill is correct in making fiscal conservatism a priority.

"With the House version of the budget being unveiled today, we have to keep in mind that this is the start of a long and challenging budget drafting process and nothing is set in stone," Craddick said. "Lawmakers are starting with a bill that can ultimately deliver a balanced budget without raising taxes and without tapping into the rainy day fund."

Along with education cuts, which will be deep both to Midland Independent School District and higher education institutions, nearly everyone else will see some sort of reduction, as well, lawmakers said.

"We only have so much income and we've got to make the expenditures match the income," Lewis said.

Medicaid reimbursements are to drop by 10 percent, according to the proposed bill. Overall, funding for Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program and the nutrition assistance program were cut by more than $2 billion in the house bill.

Russell Meyers, president and CEO of Midland Memorial Hospital, said they anticipated Medicaid cuts given the state's situation.

However, he said, doctors already are reimbursed for Medicaid patients at about 60 percent of cost. With further decreases, Meyers said he worries doctors will be even more reluctant to accept Medicaid patients

The hospital received about $9 million during the last year through the program meaning the cut would result in a loss of about $900,000 in state funding. Whatever the final decision, Meyers said he hopes state cuts don't put federal matching dollars at risk.

"I don't think that's a shocking number given the size of the state's budget problem, but it's obviously significant to us," he said.

The AARP said Medicaid cuts could put senior citizens' lives at risk because the decrease in funding likely will mean less nursing home staff. Medicaid assists about two-thirds of all individuals in nursing homes, according to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

"We knew the cuts would not be good. We knew they would be big," said AARP spokeswoman Amanda Fredriksen. "People often don't realize how big a payer Medicaid is for long-term care."

Grants for victim's services programs like those that exist in Midland were allotted to receive nothing during the 2012-13 biennium, according to the bill.

Jennifer Painter, crime victim liaison with the Midland Police Department, said about 80 percent of the department's budget comes from the state at this point.

With domestic violence on the rise, she said now is a tough time for any cuts to be implemented. Painter said they assisted 1,600 victims over the last year and have continued to see high numbers since the start of the year.

Lewis said both victims services and mental health are areas he sees as priorities and ones he hopes they can move money around and figure out how to fund.

Funding for the mental health deputy program staffed through Midland County was deleted from the state budget, according to the bill. The deputies respond when a suspect is believed to be suffering from mental health issues and then can divert them from the Detention Center to appropriate programs.

County Judge Mike Bradford said that was a deduction they'd anticipated. Whether the county will absorb the cost depends on how the rest of the budget shapes up, he said.

"It's one ingredient in the makeup of an overall budget for both the state and the county," he said "They could do things in other areas that might offset the impact."

But, he added, the need for a deputy also will depend on how much mental health services are decreased and whether there's still enough space to divert individuals with mental health issues.

Funding for the indigent defense program was slashed from the more than $29 million allotted statewide this year to just more than $783,000 for the whole state during each 2012 and 2013, according to the bill. The fund helps provide legal representation to suspects who can't afford their own defender.

"It would be disastrous," Bradford said. "To provide for a stable environment in your community it is likely that the Commissioners' Court would have to pick that up."

Nonprofit leaders said when funding for low-income residents goes down, whether through food stamps, medical care or defense, the need for their services increases.

"Whenever assistance is reduced to families, those families depend upon the not-for-profit community to fill the void," said Augie Fernandes, executive director of the West Texas Food Bank. Already, he said, they distributed an additional 2 million pounds more in food last year than they had before.

At the American Airpower Heritage Museum, cuts are expected as part of Midland College's deduction because the museum pays for its educational exhibits through college funding.

Jeff Wood, executive director of the museum, said they'll try to "get more bang for (their) buck" and select exhibits that provide both educational and entertainment value. He said they've worked to decrease their operating budget already by looking at how much is spent on travel, supplies and even little things like light bulbs, which have all been exchanged for LED bulbs to save money.

"We look at all those things and we go, 'OK, what can we do that will permit us to accomplish our goals,'" Wood said.

Money for promotional programs were cut in many departments. The $300,000 used for the promotion of historical sites was nixed as was the $1 million budgeted for the Go Texan program that pushes Texas agricultural products. The $1.2 million previously used to distribute child ID kits statewide also was eliminated, among several other things.

Lewis said when Texans asked for a budget with no tax increase, these are the kinds of cuts that are going to be necessary.

"We really have to shrink Texas government," he said.

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PRESIDENTS

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the House bill, Watts said.

"It means students who depend on a combination of grants for their needs and academic achievements will find fewer opportunities for higher education," he said.

Midland College President Steve Thomas previously anticipated a possible 15 percent cut to the overall funding formula for the college. According to the House budget bill, Midland College would now see a 7 percent reduction to that formula.

However, Thomas said Wednesday the real damage for community colleges comes from a proposed 82 percent reduction in employee health care coverage statewide.

"(The House) is virtually saying they will stop supplying employees with health care coverage," Thomas said. "For us, the bill eliminates all funding for community college health insurance."

Thomas said the college could not afford to fund the difference for health care coverage, if the House bill were to pass.

Meanwhile, UTPB is slated to receive only $178,125 in each of the next two years for the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center, a 28 percent reduction in funding, Watts said. However, he said he believes the operations of the center would not be affected. Donors have provided more than $24 million for construction costs. Any money left over after construction will be placed into an endowment for operations, Watts said.

"We do think it is still too short to meet the needs (of the performing arts center)," he said. "That is why it continues to be a line item (for state funding)."

Watts said he is aware the House budget bill could undergo several changes before a final decision is made. For that reason, he and his staff have yet to make any programmatic decisions on their own budget. UTPB, he said, would not start budget conferences until April or make any decisions until the end of the legislative session.

In the meantime, UTPB currently has a hiring freeze and will not fill any vacant positions.

"We're operating right now very close to the bone," Watts said.

Despite their concerns, both presidents expressed optimism some sort of compromise could be reached before the legislative session ends.

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SENATOR

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While he had said in the past he had no interest in returning to Washington, D.C., where he had held positions in the administrations of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush, saying he had "bought the coozy and the hat," Williams said those comments were made about appointed positions.

"I believe I can serve Texas and the oil and gas industry better as a senator," he said. He has served 12 years on the Railroad Commission, appointed by then-Gov. George W. Bush in January 1999 to fill a vacant seat & the equivalent of two Senatorial terms. "But for this opportunity arising, I might still be at the commission."

What prompted his decision to run, he said, are actions by the Obama Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency, which has recently moved to take over issuing air permits from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

"I think it would be particularly helpful for the industry to have the powerful voice of someone who has shared the experience of overseeing the premiere regulatory agency in the nation, someone with the capability, from experience, from life's work, from living, to go head-to-head with Obama," he said. "The industry needs a champion, and where better to find a champion than someone who was born and raised around the industry and had the opportunity to work in overseeing the industry?"

After he met with the governor and submitted his letter of resignation, Williams said he met with the commission staff "to reflect on the achievements of the last 12 years, to thank them for their service." Quite a bit, he said, has been accomplished in those years. Still, he said the decision was made only after much prayerful consideration and was met both with disappointment by those he had befriended during his service and understanding of his reasons for seeking the office.

He steps down at a time when the commission is facing unprecedented challenges, possibly being transformed from an agency with three elected commissioners to an agency with one elected official and being renamed the Oil and Gas Commission. The commission, Williams said, has been challenged before and will be challenged in the future.

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With Obama, Hu concedes China's rights need help

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a rare concession on a highly sensitive issue, Chinese President Hu Jintao used his White House visit on Wednesday to acknowledge "a lot still needs to be done" to improve human rights in his nation accused of repressing its people. President Barack Obama pushed China to adopt fundamental freedoms but assured Hu the U.S. considers the communist nation a friend and vital economic partner.

Hu's comments were met with immediate skepticism from human rights advocates, who dismissed them as words backed by no real history of action. Hu contended his country has "made enormous progress" but provided no specifics.

Still, his remarks seemed to hearten and surprise U.S. officials, coming during an elaborate visit that centered on boosting trade and trust between the world's two largest economies.

More broadly, Hu and Obama sought to show off a more mature and respectful relationship, not the one often defined by disputes over currency, sovereignty and freedoms. Hu said he wanted even closer contact with Obama; Obama sought again to embrace China's rise, and the two men shared some unexpected laughs.

The Chinese president was treated lavishly, granted the honor of the third state dinner of Obama's presidency. He was welcomed in the morning to the sounds of military bands and the smiles of children on the South Lawn; he was capping the evening at a black-tie White House gala of jazz musicians and all-American food.

Eager to show progress, particularly with the unemployment weighing down his country, Obama said the nations sealed business deals that would mean $45 billion in U.S. exports and create roughly 235,000 jobs. The package included moves by China to expand U.S. investment and curtail theft of intellectual property.

China's human rights record is poor and worsening, with abuses ranging from censorship to illegal detention of dissidents to executions without due process, according to the U.S. government. In a packed news conference — one designed to underscore the freedom of speech on Obama's home turf — Hu was pressed to defend his country's treatment of its people. He initially did not answer, saying he never heard the question translated, although the White House said that it was.

When prodded a second time, Hu defended his country's promotion of human rights. But then he added that China is enduring challenges as it develops and "a lot still needs to be done in China in terms of human rights." He said China stood to gain from other countries' input, saying: "We're also willing to learn."

For his part, Obama had to find a balance, standing up for freedoms while not overstepping Hu during the uncommon honor of a state visit. Obama said his nation's relationship with China is bettering the world's economy and security, and that it cannot stop over "tension" about human rights fairness.

Pressing for a more cautious long view, Obama said: "I want to suggest that there has been an evolution in China over the last 30 years since the first normalization over relations between the United States and China. And my expectation is that, 30 years from now, we will have seen further evolution."

Laced in their comments, however, were reminders that no amount of cooperation would trump each country's core interests.

Charles Freeman, a China expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said that Hu's comments on human rights were a minor concession to U.S. concerns. "They have learned over the years that throwing a bone to the Americans is a pretty good way to shut them up," Freeman said.

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Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on June 30, 2010, adjusted for known and measureable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately $353 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 12.6% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of $2,809.2 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to annualize the rate increase from Oncor's last base rate case, to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Advanced Metering Cost Recovery Factor, Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and Rate Case Expense surcharge, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service (TCOS) and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) adjustments approved or pending after June 30, 2010. If the approved or pending TCOS and TCRF adjustments are excluded from the adjustments to test-year revenues (and thus included in proposed base rates), the total base rate increase over adjusted test-year revenues is approximately $441 million, or approximately a 16.2% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of $2,720.6 million. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers (REPs), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested a February 14, 2011 effective date for its proposed rate change.

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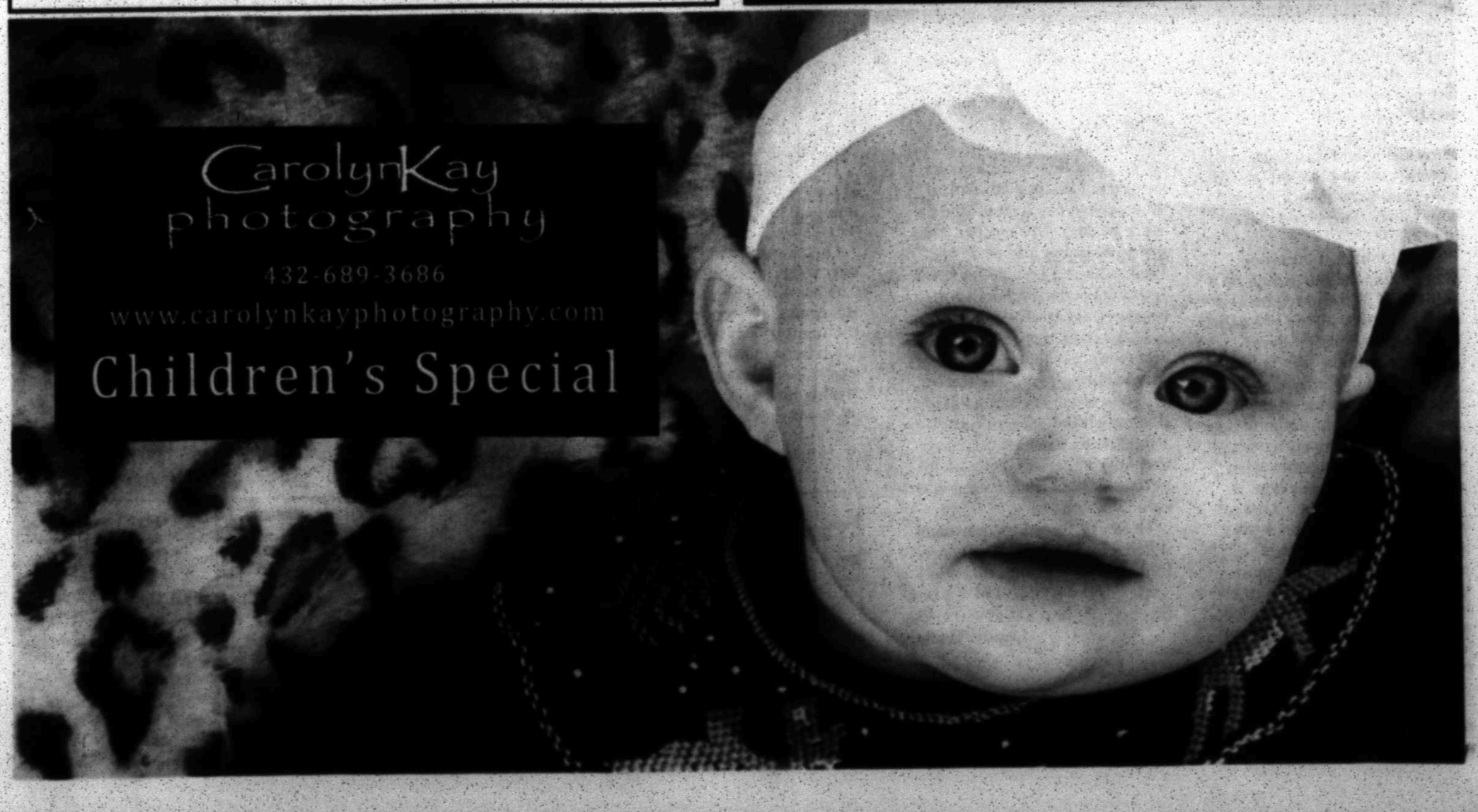

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During exit, Summers shows blinders of hubris

■ Former Obama economic advisor doesn't get that there's not enough money for a poor performing government.

GEORGE WILL
Washington Post Writers Group

It takes a worried man to sing a worried song, and in a recent speech that seemed like Larry Summers' swan song, the president's departed economic adviser warned America is "at risk of a profound demoralization with respect to government." He fears a future in which "an inadequately resourced government performs badly, leading to further demands that it be cut back, exacerbating performance problems, deepening the backlash and creating a vicious cycle."

The idea that America's problem of governance is one of inadequate resources misses this lesson of the last half-century: No amount of resources can prevent government from performing poorly when it tries to perform too many tasks, or particular tasks for which it is inherently unsuited.

Actually, government is not *sufficiently* demoralized. The hubris that is the occupational hazard and defining trait of the political class continues to cause government to overpromise and underperform. This class blithely considers itself exempt from the tyranny of the bell-shaped curve — the fact that in most occupations a few people are excellent, a few are awful, and most are average.

In fact, the bell curve is *particularly* pertinent to government. Surgeons achieve eminence by what they do "in office" — in operating rooms, performing surgery. Politicians achieve eminence simply by securing office — by winning elections, a skill often related loosely, if at all, to their performance in office.

James Q. Wilson, America's pre-eminent social scientist, has noted that until relatively recently, "politics was about only a few things; today, it is about nearly everything." Until the 1930s, or perhaps the 1960s, there was a "legitimacy barrier" to federal government activism: When new policies were proposed, the first debate was about whether the federal government could properly act at all on the subject. Today, there is no barrier to the promiscuous multiplication of programs, because no program is really new. Rather, it is an extension, modification or enlargement of something government is already doing.

The vicious cycle that should worry Summers is the reverse of the one he imagines. It is not government being "cut back" because of disappointments that reinforce themselves. Rather, it is government squandering its limited resources, including the resource of competence, in reckless expansions of its scope.

"There has been," Wilson writes, "a transformation of public expectations about the scope of federal action, one that has put virtually everything on Washington's agenda and left nothing off." Try, Wilson suggests, to think "of a human want or difficulty that is not now defined as a 'public policy problem.'"

Summers leaves a federal government funded by a continuing resolution. Congress has been so busy passing gargantuan legislation to expand government's responsibilities that it has not had enough time, energy or sense of responsibility to pass a budget. And the pathologies of expanding government are becoming worse because of two concepts Summers mentioned in his valedictory — Baumol's Disease and Moynihan's Corollary to it.

William J. Baumol, Princeton economics professor emeritus, said that in certain economic sectors — e.g., labor-intensive service industries — productivity will increase, if at all, more slowly than in the rest of the economy. The late Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's corollary was that such services — e.g., teaching, nursing, the performing arts — tend to migrate to the public sector.

Moynihan noted that if you want a string quartet, you must hire four musicians with four instruments, just as in Chopin's day. "Productivity," said Moynihan, "just hasn't changed much. And when it does — e.g., playing the 'Minute Waltz' in 50 seconds — it doesn't seem to work right." Actually, lopping 10 seconds off the waltz *subtracts* from musicians' productivity.

Moynihan noted a danger to his party in the tendency for the "stagnant services" to become government services: "The Democratic Party is identified with this very public sector in which relative costs are rising. By contrast, the Republican Party is identified with the private sector where relative costs are declining." The public sector's involuntary tendency to become, regarding productivity, a concentration of stagnation is a reason for government to become more circumspect than it has been about the voluntary acquisition of vast new responsibilities, such as micromanagement of health care's 17 percent of the economy.

As Summers returns to Harvard, he is hopeful because "markets climb walls of worry." That is, American history is replete with self-refuting prophesies of peril — predictions of national decline that prompt renewals.

OUR VIEW

Lewis' immigration bills makes sense for Texas

We solidly support the immigration bills that recently were filed in the Texas House by Rep. Tryon Lewis of Odessa. We think his two bills make a lot of sense, and we hope these two efforts are passed.

One bill deals with applying for state aid programs while the other deals with the process of screening people for citizenship when arrested. You can bet there will be opposition to these two proposals, but they are the right approach to immigration for Texas.

This newspaper always has supported responsible work programs for immigrants from Mexico, but Texas is facing a huge budget shortfall. We no longer can afford to take care of those who are visiting our country illegally.

We fully support the current path to citizenship and maintain that becoming an American citizen is a right that must be earned by all immigrants. We welcome the thousands who choose this path. We even welcome programs that allow non-citizens to enter the country for work purposes, but further benefits just cannot be extended to non-residents.

None of us like the idea of profiling, but there comes a time when questions have to be asked. When we have people asking for benefits such as medical aid, those requests must be scrutinized. No one should be given state or federal aid if they are not a citizen of this country. That may sound harsh, but those are benefits we pay for and that aid should go only to those paying into the system.

Also, if an illegal immigrant commits a crime in our country, the citizenship issue must be addressed. If you do a crime, you do the time and then you must leave our country. That's a reasonable result for illegal activity.

We simply have too many illegal immigrants who remain in Texas undetected. It is a situation we can no longer bear. And after the days of 9/11, there is a significant security issue to consider. We must maintain control of our borders, allowing only those with proper papers and documents to cross freely.

At some point in time, we must be held accountable for who crosses our border with Mexico. Texas has been behind other border states in implementing meaningful immigration laws, and it is time to close that gap. It makes sense financially for the state and for the security of the state.

Straus' leadership to be tested right away

■ Speaker potentially caught in the middle of election contest decision.

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Political contests shouldn't be about personalities but rather focused on policy outcomes; we are talking about the business and future of Texas, after all.

Ironically, though, the first business of the House of this 82nd Legislature might be more about the people than the principles driving the politics.

In House District 48, a suburban Austin seat considered reliably Democratic in recent years, the incumbent Donna Howard won re-election by the skin of her teeth — barely a dozen votes. The tsunami that swamped the Democratic Party in Texas lapped not against her feet but left her gasping for political breath. To make matters worse, there have been acknowledged problems with the way overseas ballots were counted, potentially disenfranchising voters for her Republican opponent, former NFL standout Dan Neil.

Neil has appealed the election results to the Texas House.

This is where it gets interesting.

The Republican challenger is a strong conservative. He was a board member of GOPAC, a Republican fundraising entity that targeted seats held by Democrats. And that was going on when newly elected Speaker Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) was making good on his promise not to oppose any Democrat for re-election.

So there sits Rep. Howard, one of the 49 Democrats remaining in the 150-member House. She and her party desperately want her to keep the seat. Her party, by the way, is now mostly funded by liberal trial lawyers. The most influential of them is Houston's Steve Mostyn. He lost millions supporting Democrats in the 2010 election cycle but has millions and millions more to spend in the years ahead.

He's also the incoming president of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association. Mostyn and his crowd do not want to lose yet another seat. Yes, 49 is bad, but 48 is worse.

On the one hand, Straus just went through a historic public speaker's race in which he had to promise and pledge to lead the body as a conservative. But Straus' original political power base was primarily made up of Democrats; the plot thickens.

Conservatives like Neil: He's young, good looking, well-spoken and a committed conservative. Having him seated by the House would make a lot of conservatives very happy, putting extra right-thinking icing on the super-majority cake.

But Straus also has Mostyn breathing down his neck. Mostyn, part-owner of what might be thought of as Texas Democrats Inc., happens to also be the employer of Straus' first chief of staff, former Democratic legislator Clyde Alexander. Mostyn is also the attorney for Straus' current chief of staff, Denise Davis, in a lawsuit to which she is a party.

Let's go back to that Dan Neil vs. Donna Howard election contest in the House. The process goes like this. After an election contest was filed, a "master of discovery" was named. This "master" reviews the facts and makes a recommendation to a special committee about the course of action the House should take, if any. That committee has something like three choices: 1, reject the master's review and recommendation, ending the contest; 2, accept both and pass the matter on to the full House for a vote; or 3, re-state the facts, come to a different conclusion, and refer the matter on.

While the master of discovery has been at work, the committee was named last week. The chairman? State Rep. Todd Hunter (R-Corpus Christi) who took $35,000 from Mostyn and a Mostyn colleague. The committee's vice chairman is State Rep. Craig Eiland (D-Galveston), a Mostyn co-counsel — basically a business associate.

To say Straus' committee looks unfriendly to Neil and the GOP's growth position might be an understatement. If the committee finds for Howard, conservatives might see it as a sign the speaker is caving to the demands of his historical power base, now the also-ran party. If they find for Neil, the conservatives who re-elected Speaker Straus are happy but Mostyn is mad — very mad — with not inconsequential weight to throw around.

On the first legislative play from scrimmage this session, Straus is caught in the middle of a coming clash of political personalities. It's set to be a very interesting session, indeed.

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O'Reilly makes sense with comments on current madness

I thank the Reporter-Telegram for the fine editorials by all the fine journalists like Eleanor Clift and Douglas Cohn, Bill O'Reilly, George Will, Cal Thomas and many more syndicated columns. I certainly am not like other writers who want to ax the journalists who I disagree with on certain issues.

I would think if everyone thought like me this would be a dull world. I like to read about the issues from all the journalists — liberal or conservative.

I agree with the Sunday column by Bill O'Reilly that the problems with some of the president's most ardent supporters are responsible for the current madness. O'Reilly describes what used to be outrageous now is commonplace. I think standard behavior in political analysis is gone and will not be back, I agree. After all, it is far more entertaining to hear the host trash talk. I guess no one has noticed big-time wrestling is alive and doing very well on cable TV.

I also agree with one writer a week or so ago. The rise of the Internet has led to anonymous bloggers who can bring up the vilest accusations, and no longer is the nice guy awarded any awards. All the awards today go to the rumormongers, and the smear merchants who send rumors and lies to the Internet mongers. I ask one gentleman why he sent out such a rumor. Well, he said, "it's not me, I am just forwarding it to everyone." Well, a lie is a lie and the smear merchants come from all sorts of religious and professional groups.

I also think the tragedy in Arizona will not silence any rumors or vile rhetoric. Jody Foster set off John Hinckley and a talking dog set off the "Son of Sam." Who knows what set off this mentally unbalanced person to commit such a tragedy and affected so many lives.

O'Reilly agreed the president made a good speech and appealed to the country to stop this nonsense. I pray people will not turn this tragedy into a political circus.

Dennis Wallace

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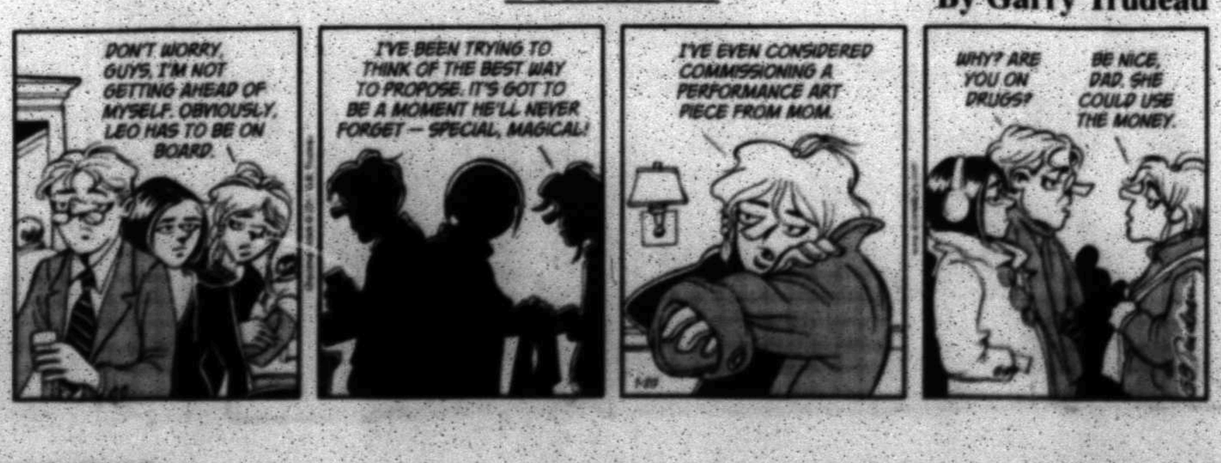
DOONESBURY
By Garry Trudeau



DA: Abortion doctor killed 7 babies with scissors

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A doctor whose abortion clinic was described as a filthy, foul-smelling "house of horrors" that was overlooked by regulators for years was charged Wednesday with murder, accused of delivering seven babies alive and then using scissors to kill them.

In a nearly 300-page grand jury report filled with ghastly, stomach-turning detail, prosecutors said Pennsylvania regulators ignored complaints of barbaric conditions at Dr. Kermit Gosnell's clinic, which catered to poor, immigrant and minority women in the city's impoverished West Philadelphia section.

Prosecutors called the gruesome case a "complete regulatory collapse."

"Pennsylvania is not a Third World country," the district attorney's office declared in the report. "There were several oversight agencies that stumbled upon and should have shut down Kermit Gosnell long ago."

Gosnell, 69, was arrested and charged with eight counts of murder altogether in the alleged killings of seven babies and the death of a woman from an overdose of painkillers. Nine of Gosnell's employees — including his wife, a cosmetologist — also were charged.

Prosecutors said Gosnell made millions of dollars over three decades performing thousands of dangerous abortions, many of them illegal late-term procedures. His clinic had no trained nurses or medical staff other than Gosnell, a family physician not certified in obstetrics or gynecology, prosecutors said.

At least two women died from the procedures, while scores more suffered perforated bowels, cervixes and uteruses, authorities said.

Under Pennsylvania law, abortions are illegal after 24 weeks of pregnancy, or just under six months, and most doctors won't perform them after 20 weeks because of the risks, prosecutors said.

In a typical late-term abortion, the fetus is dismembered in the uterus and then removed in pieces. That is more common than the procedure opponents call "partial-birth abortion," in which the fetus is only partially extracted before being destroyed. Prosecutors said Gosnell instead delivered many of the babies alive.

He "induced labor, forced the live birth of viable babies in the sixth, seventh, eighth month of pregnancy and then killed those babies by cutting into the back of the neck with scissors and severing their spinal cord," District Attorney Seth Williams said.

Gosnell referred to the practice as "snipping," prosecutors said.

Prosecutors estimated Gosnell ended hundreds of pregnancies by cutting the spinal cords, but they said they couldn't prosecute more cases because he destroyed files.

"These killings became so routine that no one could put an exact number on them," the grand jury report said. "They were considered 'standard procedure.'"

Defense attorney William J. Brennan, who represented Gosnell during the investigation, said: "Obviously, these allegations are very, very serious."

The grand jury report came out a day after new Gov. Tom Corbett took office. Spokesman Kevin Harley pledged that Corbett's administration, through his new health secretary, would do more to oversee such clinics.

"What needs to be done is regulators, whether on the local or state or federal level, need to properly regulate, inspect and do their jobs," Harley said. "The safety of our citizens should be first and foremost."

Authorities raided Gosnell's clinic early last year in search of drug violations and stumbled upon "a house of horrors," Williams said. Bags and bottles holding aborted fetuses "were scattered throughout the building," the district attorney said. "There were jars, lining shelves, with severed feet that he kept for no medical purpose."

Prosecutors said the place reeked of cat urine because of the animals that were allowed to roam freely, instruments were not properly sterilized, and disposable medical supplies were used over and over.

Gosnell didn't advertise, but word got around. Women came from across the city, state and region for illegal late-term abortions, authorities said. They paid $325 for first-trimester abortions and $1,600 to $3,000 for abortions up to 30 weeks. The clinic took in $10,000 to $15,000 a day, authorities said.

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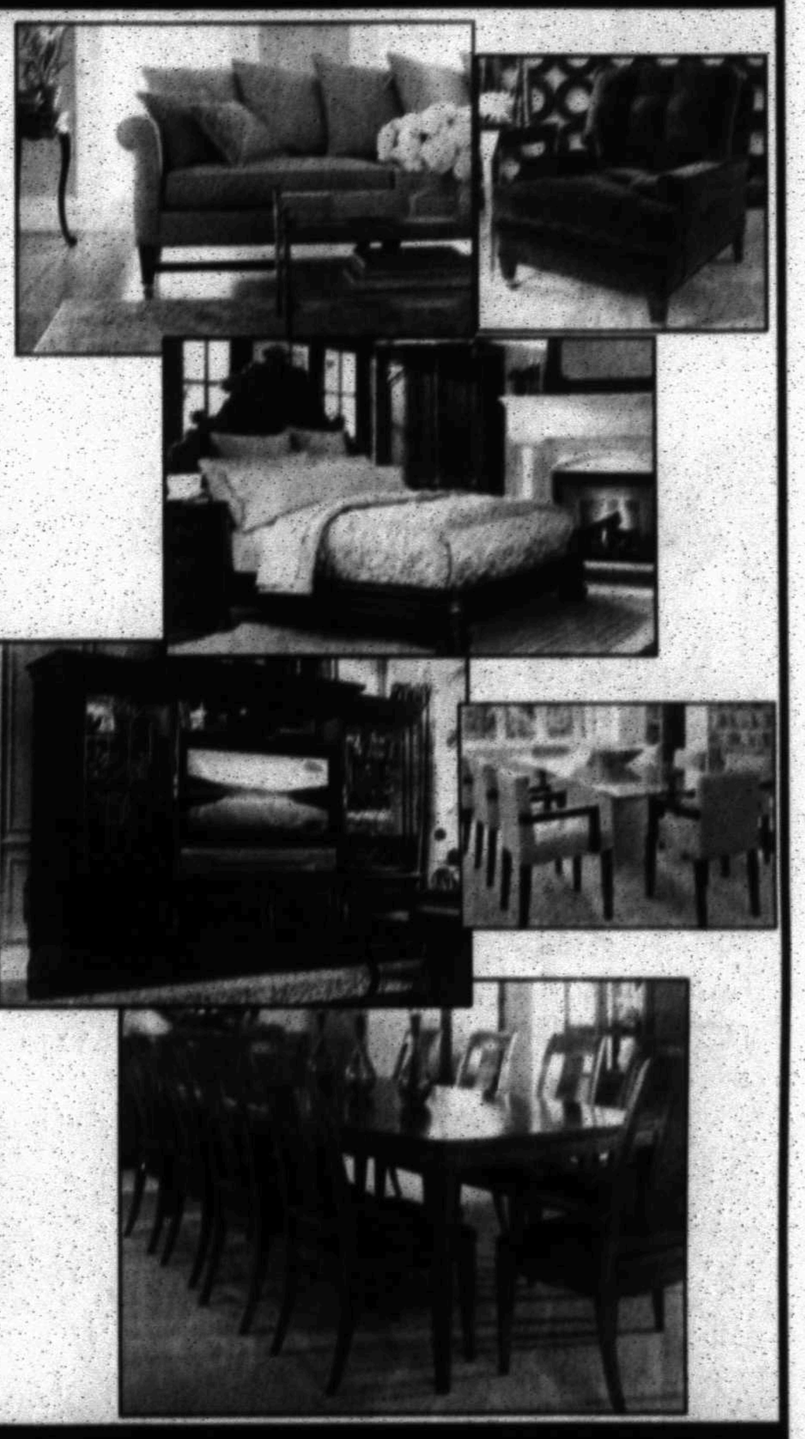

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Lawyer: 'Baby Doc' plans to remain in Haiti

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haitian authorities want Jean-Claude Duvalier to leave the country, but the once-feared dictator will not go and could even choose to get involved in politics, one of his lawyers said Wednesday.

Defense attorney Reynold Georges told reporters that it is Duvalier's right to remain in Haiti but that he is free to travel. He stressed that Haiti's government has not ordered Duvalier to return to France after his surprise return Sunday.

"He is free to do whatever he wants, go wherever he wants," Georges said of the once-feared strongman, known as "Baby Doc." "It is his right to live in his country ... He is going to stay. It is his country."

But Duvalier, whose reasons for coming back to Haiti remain murky, stayed sequestered in his room at the upscale Hotel Karibe in the hills above downtown Port-au-Prince and spoke publicly only through his lawyers. At one point, he went out on his balcony and waved to a small group of supporters on the street.

Shortly after his arrival at Port-au-Prince's airport, his longtime companion Veronique Roy told reporters he would stay for just three days.

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>
> — **REYNOLD GEORGES**
> *Defense attorney*

But Georges portrayed the former leader as an esteemed ex-president who might choose to help a small Duvalierist political party during his time in Haiti, though he gave no details on what the help might involve.

Georges said a Haitian judge who met with the 59-year-old former leader, who apparently does not have a valid Haitian passport, asked him when he planned to leave.

"They want him to leave," he insisted.

Duvalier, who assumed power in 1971 at age 19 following the death of his notorious father, Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, faces accusations of corruption and embezzlement for allegedly pilfering the treasury before his 1986 ouster. He returned to Haiti after being exiled for nearly 25 years.

Alice Blanchet, a special adviser to Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive, refused to speculate about Duvalier's plans to stay in a country struggling through a dire political crisis following the problematic Nov. 28 first-round presidential election, as well as a cholera epidemic and a troubled recovery from last year's devastating earthquake.

"Let justice do its job, run its course. He is a citizen, and no one is above the law," she said in a Wednesday e-mail, adding that Duvalier "remains available to the prosecutor" while he is in Haiti.

Outside, on the rutted streets of Port-au-Prince, there were no signs of widespread support for Duvalier. When he was led to a courthouse Tuesday, supporters staged demonstrations on his behalf but they were tiny by Haiti standards. More than half the nation's people are too young to have lived through his government.

Most Haitians who remember the Duvalier years hoped he had left for good, closing an era of terror and repression that began under "Papa Doc." Human rights groups say tens of thousands of people were killed during the 29-year father-and-son dictatorship, while many others were maimed or forced into exile.

Haitian authorities moved toward trying Duvalier for alleged corruption and embezzlement committed during his brutal 15-year rule by opening an investigation Tuesday, but specifics about the probe were scarce.

Duvalier defense attorney Gervais Charles said a judge of instruction will decide whether there is enough evidence to go to trial. It's a process that can take up to three months.

Duvalier has been accused in the past in Haiti of stealing hundreds of millions of dollars in public money and Swiss officials have struggled for years over what to do with his bank accounts in that country.

Even so, Duvalier's supporters say they are nostalgic for the period of relative stability in a country that has recently seen political upheavals and last year suffered a devastating quake.

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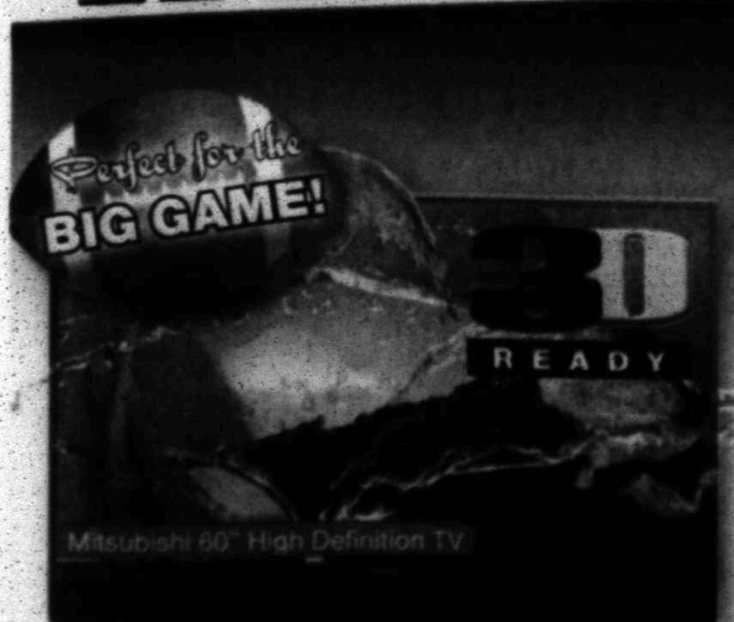

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Minaj never booked; full refunds to come

By John Boyd
Online Editor

Anyone expecting to hear a Nicki Minaj performance Friday better book a red-eye flight to the UK.

Pop star Minaj, dubbed by Billboard Magazine "The Lady Gaga of Hip-Hop," will not perform Friday at Midland's Clarion Hotel & Conference Center as has been promoted.

"It's just kind of disappointing; it was kind of what I was looking forward to this weekend," said Ba'Leigh Burns, 15, who received two tickets from her mother, Rhonda Burns, as a sort of early birthday gift. "She's the next big thing right now."

Also shelved are performances by the local dance troupe Legacy Athlete Athletics and musical performances by several local artists.

Concert organizer and Clarion Manager Medric Sydnor said the concert was to be a first for the hotel, which was looking to bring in Minaj and fellow "Young Money Entertainment" co-horts Gudda Gudda, Lil Twist, Tyga and Shanell to liven up the Midland music scene.

However, none of the artists actually were ever signed to appear by an agency the hotel trusted to book the concert, despite agreeing to appearance fees and giving the agency a credit card to bill.

Minaj's fee alone had been negotiated to $65,000 with the booking agency, Sydnor said, but no charges to the Clarion credit card ever were made.

Sydnor said he found the booking agency online. E-mails and other records of their negotiations were turned over to a private detective agency hired late Wednesday.

Sydnor said he began having doubts about the concert two weeks ago and began trying to contact each artist's booking agent separately.

Greg Davenport, a representative for Gudda Gudda, said he warned Sydnor about the would-be concert when the two spoke last week — "That's a fake show; that's not going to happen," Davenport told Sydnor — but Sydnor said he trusted his booking agent to come through.

"Two days ago we decided we've got to find an exit plan for this," Sydnor said Wednesday. "What's the least damage, how can we fix this without her, but without (Minaj) you really have nothing. You have

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Minaj

BREATHING LIFE BACK INTO CLASSIC CARS

ED TODD
PROFILE

Neil Richmond and son: Restorers of classic cars, Model T Ford onward

■ 'Everything is for sale,' except maybe, maybe not, the 1957 Chevy

Hanging high, well beyond the reach of Neil Richmond's almost 6-foot-4 robust frame, is a relic of the yesteryears in his familiar comfort zone, a spacious and immaculate automotive restoration workshop fit for a museum.

Well, it is, sort of, but is designed for a high-dollar turnover, a relative term, which the esoteric classic car market expects and reveres vintage automobiles, especially the classics.

Virtually nothing there is static, except, most likely, that high-strung penny-farthing bicycle, an 1890 high-wheeler that Richmond terms a "bone crusher," the antithesis of stability and comfort.

Also safely hanging from the ceiling is a red Corvette and a black Jaguar, not America's pre-eminent sports-car and the luxury British car, but Richmond's boyhood Schwinn bicycles, a 1957 Corvette originally priced at $79.95 and a 1958 Jaguar once tagged at $89, both "high-dollar" bicycles in the 1950s.

However, virtually nothing there on wheels is static. Other than perfection in restoring classic cars, turnover is his overriding aim just as is, and mostly was, for America's surviving and often fabled 20th century Detroit automakers.

The automobile, especially of olden times, is his passion and not his alone.

Cindeka Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Retired educator and former Midland High School Principal Neil Richmond is spending his time restoring classic cars that date back to the Model T Fords.

"Everything is for sale," Richmond, 63, says with more passion than sentimentality. And his car-hugging son, T.J., who is closing in on age 30, is sure his father means it.

"I get pretty attached to things," T.J. says. "He doesn't." The senior Richmond, so says the son, is apt to sell if he gets "a chance to find something different or better."

Their specialty is taking old cars, antiques often abandoned to rust, dust and oblivion in remote barns or neighborhood garages, returning them to the instance of their birthing, to their assembly-line gleam and wonder, including revamped license plates once nailed onto barns, country stores or wooden granaries to cover up holes and passageways for varmints and wind.

Their earliest dated restoration project is Henry Ford's 1914 Model T touring car, so-called "brass car" owing to its brass radiator, brass cowl lanterns and brass hubcaps before nickel-plating was developed and chrome-plated steel brightened automotive showrooms and highways. The stylistic glitter and gleam cropped up well into the 20th century and especially so in the 1950s in America's heightened "love affair" with the automobile.

Henry Ford, an "absolute genius" and a frugal one, says Richmond, put into action his automotive acumen, especially in hiring design talent and diligent craftsmen and in setting up the ingenious assembly-line production, which made the revolutionary automobile affordable for common folk. His enterprise turned out about 15 million variations of the Model T, the Tin Lizzie or Flivver, from touring cars and roadsters to coupes and pickups from late 1908 (1909-model year) through 1927. His cleverness for detail in cost-cutting, for example, was turning oak and hickory hardwood crates and pallets for shipping engines and other heavy parts into slats for his pickup beds.

"He didn't waste anything."

A resourceful Ford's relative converted leftover hardwood into Kingsford charcoal briquets for barbecuing.

The "true car guys," as the T.J. Richmond characterizes father and son, are steeped into restoring Ford's Model A series, a more streamlined and faster car prompted by competitor General Motors' Chevrolet, which touted a streamline style and speed and power, and by Edsel Ford, Henry Ford sole son, who adamantly insisted on beguiling style and stepped-up horsepower.

Recently, the Richmond shipped a restored Model A to Ireland. Their "transporter," Norman Sharp, delivers Richmond Classic Cars coast-to-coast.

In the late 1920s and heading into the 1930s, "Chevrolet was way ahead of the game as far as technology went," T.J. says.

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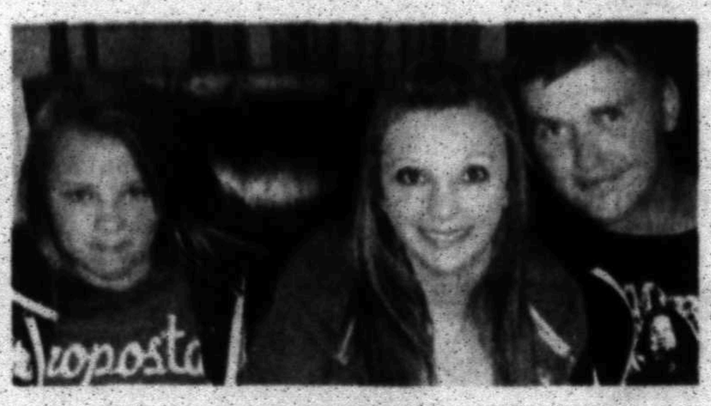
MISSING TEEN

In this photo provided by Clint Dunn, his 13-year-old daughter, Hailey Dunn, left, is shown with her mother Billie Jean Dunn, center, and her mother's boyfriend, Shawn Adkins, on Dec. 25, 2010, in Colorado City. An official says authorities looking for the missing girl are searching empty buildings and using dogs to scour additional landfills in the area.
See story on 4B

Photo courtesy of Clint Dunn



Board: EZ Rider showing progress

By Kathleen Thurber
Staff Writer

With expenses that have come in under budget and passenger counts on the rise, EZ Rider staff said they're on the right track.

Members of the Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District board agreed the organization is on its way and approved during Wednesday's meeting both the financials for the past several months as well as rules meant to keep board members more accountable.

"We're well on our way to where we need to be," Executive Director Chris Mandrell said.

Following a somewhat tense December meeting, Wednesday's gathering progressed with a calmer tone. Board members said they appreciated being better updated on the progress of EZ Rider projects. They voted to install rules that will require members from both cities to attend 25 percent of the board's meetings — something that in the past has been required by Midland but hasn't always been adhered to by either city's appointees.

The Odessa City Council will have the opportunity to ratify the rule or suggest an alternative. The rule passed coincides with one already approved by the Midland City Council, chairwoman Karen York said.

Through December, EZ Rider was under budget in its operating costs for this fiscal year by just more than $43,550, Mandrell said.

Please see **BUS**/6B

Group hopes to take WWII vets on D.C. tour

By Audrie Palmer
Staff Writer

A local non-profit organization is hoping to take about 300 West Texas World War II veterans on a chartered jet to Washington, D.C., for the day.

"We're losing about 1,100 veterans a day. Our push is to get our veterans out to see their memorial as soon as possible," said Jeff Ballenger, co-chairman of the West Texas Honor Flight.

So far, the group has raised $100,000 but still is in need of an additional $150,000 to meet the budget for the trip.

The trip, tentatively scheduled for the second week of April, will begin with a pre-flight dinner and USO-style show in Abilene. The next morning the veterans will fly non-stop on a chartered plane to the nation's capital, tour the city and the monuments by bus, then fly home to West Texas later that same night.

Ballenger has flown with the Central and Western Iowa Honor Flight and said he's taken about 2,000 veterans on trips over the past several years.

His mother is from the West Texas area and his grandfather, a World War II vet, lived here as well. He thought that with his family ties, making the trip for West Texas veterans would be a nice way to say thank you.

"We want to say thank you to the greatest generation," he

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Obituaries

Beulah J. "Bea" Wiley

Beulah J. "Bea" Wiley passed away Monday, January 17, 2011. She was born October 8, 1918 in Alexander, North Dakota to Chester and Agnes McBride Adkins. She married H. L. "Jim" Wiley on January 11, 1941 in Ponca City, Oklahoma. They moved to Odessa, Texas in 1951 and then to Midland in 1956.

She had been a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ for more than 50 years. She was a homemaker while raising her children then enjoyed a career in the Midland County District Clerk's office, not retiring until she was in her late 70's. She moved to the Mabee Center in January 2010 where she soon made new friends, loved to play bingo and was recently nominated to be Vice President of the Residents' Council.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Jim Wiley; daughter Lynne Leifeste; sister Meta Raaf, and brothers, Emmet Adkins, Thomas Adkins and Walter Adkins.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Robert Watts of Midland; grandsons Ben Leifeste and wife Anna of Granite Shoals, Josh Leifeste of Dallas and Austin Watts of Memphis, Tennessee; two great-granddaughters, Kirsten Diamond and Kayla Leifeste of Mesa, AZ, and a brother, Wayne Adkins of Tulsa, OK.

The family would like to express gratitude to the staff of the Mabee Center for their loving care and to the many friends she made there for making her feel so special.

A memorial service is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 20 at the Manor Park Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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June Bond Souter

Clara June Bond Souter, 80, died peacefully in her Kaysville, Utah home on Jan. 14, 2011. Born June 25, 1930, in Ogden, Utah to Fredrick and Clara Elizabeth Monroe-Martin Bond. Graduated Weber High School and married James "Jim" Roe Souter in Logan LDS Temple on her 21st birthday. They moved with oil industry through Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Canada. Finally settling 26 years in Midland, Texas to raise their family. Together they served LDS missions in Connecticut and Cove Fort, Utah. He passed away Sept. 29, 2000.

Survived by children: Tim R. (JoLynn), Kitt E. (Kevin) Ludlow; and Steve R. (Julie K.); 13 grandchildren and a growing number of great-grandchildren.

Services: Thursday, Jan. 20, 12 noon, at Oak City, UT LDS Chapel. Viewing at church, 10:30-11:40 am, before service. Burial Oak City Cemetery under direction of Nickle Mortuary, Delta, UT. Family encourages donations in her name to Humanitarian or Missionary Fund for Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Daryl Stephen Menzel

Daryl Stephen Menzel (50) passed away January 17, 2011. He was born August 3, 1960 in Landstuhl, Germany, to Ronald Martin Menzel & Freda LaRene Dietz Menzel.

He is preceded in death by his Father Ronald Martin Menzel & Mother LaRene Menzel Provins, & Grandparents Martin Stephen Menzel & Loretta Menzel.

He is survived by his wife of 25 yrs. Mira Hayden Menzel; Daughters Patricia Elizabeth, Audrey LaRene & Son Martin Daryl; Granddaughter Kartefanin (2); Sisters Monica Menzel Chapman Spouse Walt Chapman of Houston, Valerie Menzel Whalen Spouse Pat Whalen of Austin & Terri Menzel of Florida; Step Brother David Kerr Spouse Pam of Oklahoma, and Stepmother Ann Menzel of Houston and Numerous Family and Friends Across the Country.

Daryl, the Ultimate Outdoorsman, enjoyed Hunting, Fishing, Golf & Especially Time with his Family.

He Attended Texas Tech University starting his career in the Oil Industry until joining the US Postal Service in 1988-Present.

He was Respected by All Who Knew him, is Loved Dearly, and will be greatly missed by all.

A Rosary will be said in Celebration of his Life at 7:00PM at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Thursday, January 20, 2011 w/Funeral Services Friday, January 21, 2011, at 2:00PM at St. Ann's Catholic Church.

In Lieu of Flowers donations may be made in Memory of Daryl Menzel to Lone Star SPCA, Midland SPCA or a Charity of your Choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis funeral home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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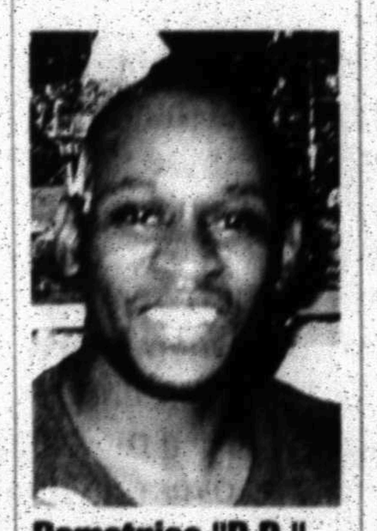

Demetrice "D.D." Atkins

Services for Demetrice "D.D." Atkins, 48, of Odessa are scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday at Greater St. John Baptist Church with Pastor E.J. Miller officiating.

Visitations will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today at Martinez-Smith Funeral Chapels.

Interment will be at theEctor County Cemetery under the direction of Martinez-Smith Funeral Chapels.

Mr. Atkins passed away Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, in Odessa. He was born April 29, 1962, in Odessa. He was preceded in death by his mother Mona Walton. He was a machinist and a former resident of Midland.

Survivors include sons, Demetrice Atkins Jr. of Odessa and Terrance Atkins of Midland; brothers, Russell Walton of Euless, Thomas Stinson and Ronald Walton, both of Odessa; sisters, Lanae Walton of Lubbock, Charlette Thurman of Odessa and Debra White of Dallas; three grandchildren, Amerie, Quinton and Adarien Atkins.

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

Durwood Shaw

Services for Durwood Shaw, 70, Midland took place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at First Baptist Church, Liberty City, with Rev. Bruce Wells officiating.

Burial in Asbury Cemetery, Smith County, under direction of Burrows Overton Funeral Home.

Durwood Shaw died 3:10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 at 6336 19th St., Lubbock, after a short illness. He was born Jan 23, 1940, in Wright City to Garland Colquit Shaw and Dorothy Louise Palmer Shaw. He graduated from Snyder High School, was a veteran of the Army National Guard with the rank of sergeant, was an oilfield consultant and member of First Baptist Church of Liberty City.

Survivors include his son, Gregory Durwood Shaw, Lubbock; daughters, Cindy Shaw Mullins and Dorothy Sue Welborn, both of Lubbock; sister, LaDonna Saw Siebert, Arp; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers are Greg Shaw, Scott Shaw, Rick Simmons, Dustin Miller, Jake Miller and Austin Miller. Honorary pallbearer is Mike Shaw.

Visitation was 6-8 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, Liberty City.

George "Bill" May

Services for George "Bill" May 82, of Burnet formerly of Lago Vista will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at Edgar Funeral Home with Bro. Tim Denton officiating.

He was born on July 04, 1928 in Okolona, Arkansas to Roy and Mamie Holder May and died on Monday, January 17, 2011 in Burnet.

He was a graduate of Henderson State University and East Texas State University where he learned the needed skills to be an effective Principal, Superintendent, Coach and role model to many children.

After graduation he moved to Delight, Arkansas and started teaching and coaching the Jr. High boy's basketball team where he met the Jr. High girl's basketball coach Ms. Jean Moore. They were married on June 30, 1951 and were married for fifty years until her death in 2002.

While teaching and coaching in Delight he was drafted and served his country proudly in the Army during the Korean War being stationed at Camp Chaffee in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

He is survived by his loving family to include; son, Bill May, Jr. and his wife Tana of Tarzan, Texas and daughter, Tammy Hullum and husband Jeff of Burnet, Texas, sister, Margaret (Pod) McMurtry of Arlington, Texas and four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Jean, brother, Roy (Bugs) May Jr., sister, Anna Frances May Avery.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 6:00-8:00 PM Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

The family has requested that any memorials be sent to Paint Rock ISD Bill May Memorial Fund (Paint Rock, Texas).

Interment to follow services in Cedar Park Cemetery, Cedar Park, Texas. Arrangements by Edgar funeral Home- Burnet, Texas.

James Richard Doggett

James Richard Doggett left his uncooperative earthly body behind and went to join many beloved family members and friends in Heaven on Tuesday, January 18, 2011. Richard was born on January 25, 1925 to Hayes and Emma Doggett. He proudly served his country in the Navy Sea Bees in World War II. On May 15, 1950, Richard married Verla Rae Anderson. He was a master carpenter for many years, then traded his hammer for a tractor and became a Martin County Cotton Farmer. After he retired, Richard put many miles on his pickup truck, "hitting the coffee drinking spots to catch up on all the news".

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Raymond and Doyle. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Verla and two daughters, Doyla Haislip and Dinah Doggett and the one and only grandson, Bobby Haislip. He also leaves behind sister-in-law, Juanita Lindsey and husband Bud, one uncle, Floyd Huckaby and wife Pauline, and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all the loving staff of the Stanton Care Center and Home Hospice. A special thanks goes out to W.A. Ringener who kept Richard supplied with Hershey Bars, and to niece Debra Trantham for making sure Verla got to the care center every morning, and to Richard's ever faithful "sidekick", Devry Kidd and his family.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 21, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Downtown Church of Christ with Van Pendergrass officiating and Kendall Tomlinson assisting. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton on Thursday, January 20, 2011 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Gilbreath Funeral Home

Johnny Osborn

Johnny Osborn, 61 of Midland, went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on Tuesday January 18, 2011 at the Hospice Inpatient Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born on May 27, 1949 in Crane, TX to the late Lloyd and Bernice Osborn. Johnny was raised and educated in Monahans, TX. He moved to Midland in the early 1990's. Johnny has been a business man most of his life. He was the Owner of A-1 Office Furniture and a U-Haul franchise for several years. Johnny loved anything with Coca-Cola and was avid collector. He had a big heart and was always willing to help people in need. Johnny loved God and his family passionately. He was a devout Methodist and a member of First United Methodist Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Johnny is survived by his son Caleb Fewell of Midland; three daughters: Jennifer Lillard, Jaymie Scroggins, and Tiffany Fewell all of Midland; sister Janie Burruss of San Maros, TX and nephew James Lloyd Osborn. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and one brother, James Osborn of San Antonio, TX.

Family will be receiving friends tonight from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A Funeral Service is set for Friday January 21, 2011 at 11:00am at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Tim Walker officiating. A graveside service will be held Saturday January 22, 2011 at 11:30am at Hoover Valley Cemetery in Marble Falls, TX.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2308 N. Big Spring - Midland, TX - (432) 682-3700

Pattye Jim Rascoe Barr

Pattye Jim Rascoe Barr passed away Sunday, January 16th, after a courageous two year battle with cancer. Born December 11, 1943 to Jimmie Lou and Romia Lee Rascoe in Corsicana, Texas, Pattye attended school in Corsicana until 1957 when her family moved to Midland. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland as a member of the class of 1962. She worked in the administrative field and retired from Schlumberger in Midland before returning to Corsicana.

She accepted Christ at an early age and loved the Baptist church. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church in Midland and joined the Mildred Baptist Church when she relocated to Corsicana. Until her health prevented her participation, she was a member of the Corsicana Cloggers and loved to perform with them. She was an avid artist and reader, and a lover of animals. Her gorgeous smile and contagious laugh will be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her mother Jimmie Lou Bush Gan and father Romia Lee Rascoe (who paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country in World War II), and her husband George Barr.

She is survived by her daughter, Luann Demmler of Midland; son, Chad Barr and wife, Amy of Beaufort, SC; grandchildren, Brandon Brant, Kristen Brant and Chris Slaughter; brother, Robert Rascoe and wife, Michelle of Emory; sister, Janie Roscoe Pollard of Corsicana; brother, Dan Summerall and wife, Patti of Corsicana; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held Friday, January 21st, from 6pm until 8pm during a family visitation at Crestview Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the American Cancer Society or a hospice provider of your choice.

Robert James Caruthers

Robert James Caruthers, 74, of Warren, passed away, Monday, January 17, 2011 at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, Texas.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 21st at 11:00 a.m. at Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with burial in Magnolia Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 20th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Robert was born December 5, 1936 to Geneva Henryetta Kimbrough-Caruthers & Percy L. Caruthers in Beaumont, Texas. He was a 32nd degree Freemason, A Shriner, Knights Templar, Scottish Rites and American Legionnaire. A former member of the National Guard, and the United States Navy, which he served with honor. He was a barber and owner of the Northland Barber Shop in Midland and later worked at the Palace Barber Shop in Woodville until his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his mother Geneva Henryetta Kimbrough Caruthers and his father Percy L. Caruthers.

He is survived by his wife, Lela La Vera Caruthers of Warren; sons, Jimmy Calvin Caruthers of Warren and Robert James Caruthers, Jr. of Bevil Oaks; daughter, Patricia Michele Caruthers-Conant & husband, Greg of Odessa; brother, Leon Earnest Caruthers & wife, Patti of Houston; fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Stringer & Griffin Funeral Home of Woodville.

Viola Emogene Broaddus Rollins

Viola Emogene (Emmy) Broaddus Rollins, 87, passed away in Austin, Texas on January 16, 2011 after a courageous battle with Alzheimer's. Born on November 4, 1923 in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Joe and Daisy Broaddus, she attended Lamar High School in Houston and graduated from The University of Texas in 1944.

On October 20, 1946 Emmy married the love of her life, Henry Moak Rollins. As an only child, Emmy took great delight in becoming part of the very large Rollins family. Emmy and Moak had three handsome boys and lived in Houston, Midland and Austin.

Emmy was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, was a contributor to the Texas Presbyterian Foundation, was an active member of the Woman's Club of Austin and the Assistance League of Austin. She was a true believer in education and, together with Moak, helped set up scholarship funds at Schreiner University in Kerrville.

Emmy was a graceful and elegant woman who had a real love for life. She loved sewing, cooking for the family with her many delicious recipes, going to the theatre, playing bridge, spending evenings at the symphony, and traveling. Emmy and Moak's travels took them all over the world to places like Europe, Asia, Africa, Mexico, Central and South America, Australia and New Zealand. Favorite destinations also included Santa Fe, NM and Grand Teton National Park. Emmy also loved to spoil her grandchildren -- red licorice, chocolate chip cookies and homemade fudge. She looked forward to taking her grandchildren to the circus every summer, and she loved taking them along with her on many of her travel adventures. Most of all, Emmy will be remembered for her love and devotion to her husband, three sons, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Emmy was preceded in death by her parents Joe and Daisy Broaddus and her husband Henry Moak Rollins. She is survived by her three sons Joe Rollins and wife Kim of Round Rock, TX; Bob Rollins of Frisco, TX; Rick Rollins and wife Elaine of Auckland, New Zealand; grandchildren Chris Rollins and wife Ceseley of Dripping Springs, TX; Karen Rollins Hull and husband Chris of Keller, TX; Andrew Rollins and Kate Rollins of Round Rock, TX; Corey Rollins and Kelly Rollins of Frisco, TX; Hilary Rollins of Davis, CA; Helena Rollins of Auckland, New Zealand; great grandchildren William Paar of Dripping Springs, TX; Garrett, Avery and Lillian Hull of Keller, TX.

Graveside service will be held Saturday, January 22 at 10 am at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, 2800 Hancock Drive, Austin, Texas followed by a memorial service at 11 am at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 3003 Northland Drive, Austin. Relatives and friends are welcome to gather for a visitation Friday, January 21 from 6 pm to 8 pm at Weed-Corley-Fish, 3125 N Lamar, Austin.

Memorial contributions are welcome at the Alzheimer's Association National Office, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

A special thanks to Hill Country Care Providers, Westminster Manor and Buckner Hospice for their help and support.

Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78705 - (512) 452-8811

Death Notices

Bentura Saldana

Bentura Saldana, 62, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Services will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be Thursday at Roaring Springs Cemetery, Roaring Springs. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Survived by wife, Petra Torres; children, Danny Saldana, Bentura Saldana, Jr., Eugene Saldana, Fernando Martinez, Charlie Saldana, Sandra Saldana, Rebecca Saldana, Janette Saldana, Mary Saldana, Peter Espino, Rosey Mendoza, Randy Foster, Vanessa Torres, Christina Torres, Leon Torres, Jr. and Rebecca Torres; brothers, Joe Saldana, Juan Saldana; sisters, Rose Ho-Gland, Aurelia Salazar, Tina Ho-Gland, Janie Soto, Casimira Jesus and Simona Chavez; 27 grandchildren.

Bobbye Chenault

Bobbye Trice Chenault died on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Survived by daughters, Dana Rushing, Debra Lange; six grandsons.

She will be cremated and ashes interred at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The family will hold a private memorial service.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Earnest Walker

Earnest "Dwayne" Walker, 77, of Odessa died on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Survived by wife of 25 years, Margaret Walker; sons, Alan Walker, Tippy Beck (Jill); daughters, Janie Florez (Chago), Dede Dufner (Joey), Mitzi Harris (Don); brothers, Robert Walker (Sandra), Ty Beck; sister, Sue Harris (Lewis); 12 grandchildren & many nieces & nephews.

John Brown

John A. "Pete" Brown, 81, died on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Services for will be held at Second Baptist Church in Andrews on Friday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. Interment follow at Andrews County Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home of Andrews.

Survived by wife, Doris Brown; son, John Brown; sisters, Hope Meppen, Bonita Lowe, Pat Peters; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mildred Sevey

Mildred "Millie" Sevey, 84, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 17, in Midland.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Gail Cemetery in Gail, Texas. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Survived by daughters, Joanne Parker, Kay Wilson, Jacque Hendricks, and Jan Rios; sons, Johnnie Sevey and Jimmie Sevey; sister, Lois Tingle.

Rick Cihonski

Rick Cihonski died on Jan. 19 in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Man gets life in rape of autistic child

By John Vanderlaan
Special to the Reporter-Telegram

An Ector County man who kidnapped and raped a 9-year-old autistic child was sentenced to four life terms Wednesday, to be served concurrently.

Dwayne Dale Billings, 25, was convicted by an Ector County jury Tuesday on three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of aggravated kidnapping.

The trial stemmed from a missing 9-year-old autistic girl Jan. 3, 2007. She was found at Billings' trailer in West Odessa after about 11-and-a-half hours of searching.

John Vanderlaan is a writer for the Odessa American.

TODD

From 1B

Henry Ford, who resisted change, reasoned that "If it is not broken, don't fix it," the senior Richmond notes, although Model T sales were flagging, and Chevrolet was pulling ahead. Reluctantly agreeing to making his automobiles stylish, Henry Ford ensured the Model A's mechanical durability, and son Edsel focused on styling.

The 4.8-million Model A cars built from 1928 through 1931 looked suspiciously similar to Chevrolet's models. "The other automotive companies were progressing."

By 1932, Ford introduced the V-8 engine to high-end cars and kept most pickups in the four-cylinder engine. The next year, Ford cars became even more streamlined.

Among classics up for sale at Richmond's Classic Cars & Parts restoration shop at 310 S. Weatherford St. on Midland's south-side is a restored to "brand-new" 1928 elkpoint green Model A roadster with black fenders for $29,500. The original sold for $385, as the Great Depression distressed the nation. A 1931 roadster bears a $29,500 tag, though, as Richmond attests, it is "not unusual" for restorations to go to $200,000 and a million dollars or more for the more exotic and rare cars, such as the Duesenberg and Stutz.

For the wealthy, Richmond explains, restored classic cars are a 10-to-1 better investments than the money market.

There's a 1938 temperamental dirt-track Midget Racer, No. 49, for $20,000. And for $55,000, Richmond is willing to sell, no qualms, his classic 1964 victory-red, four-speed Corvette Sting Ray convertible.

Unlike his father, T.J. Richmond is not so eager to trade classics for dollars and takes a sentimental attachment to his classics, such as his restored 1954 five-window green Chevrolet pickup truck, for which a Dallas collector offered him $40,000, and a 2002 Chevy pickup.

"I love this (1954) truck," which is "one of America's favorite trucks, this generation of mid-1940s to mid-1950s (models)," the son affirms. Too, he is planning on keeping his customized classic 2008 Corvette. Father and son witnessed its assembly at Bowling Green, Ky. The young one is hanging onto his 1991 torch-red Corvette, which he races as a dragster. "It is a toy. I race it. It is a survivor." So, too, is T.J., who, while ratcheting up power and speed to the finish line, wears a helmet and is harnessed in the cockpit of the roll-bar outfitted sports car.

Their love of cars is palpable. One is more sentimental than the other.

"All my life, I have loved cars." Why?

"I don't know. I just do," says Richmond, whose first car was a 1955 two-door, hardtop Chevrolet when he was age 13 at San Jacinto Junior High School. "T.J. is the same way. He really likes messing with the old ones. Mechanically, he can fix any of them." Their fascination with cars is "just one of those things. You are or you are not. It is just an innate thing."

"He has always loved cars," says Neil Richmond's wife, the former Karla Spencer. They were sweethearts at Midland's Robert E. Lee High School and were married in 1969. "It is just his life. So, I have loved them through osmosis."

Neil Richmond's penchant for restoration took flight in the mid-1990s when he was principal of Midland High School and after his first-born daughter, Lexa, driving the family's 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air two-door hardtop, was rear-ended on Andrews Highway in her MHS senior year. Since then, Lexa, who no longer drives the 1957 Chevy, became a Midland schoolteacher, and her sister, Reagan, is a Lubbock teacher.

After that, Richmond restored the Chevy to what T.J. terms "perfect condition" and now keeps the classic car secured in a barn and not at the shop, where the temptation to sell might overpower him.

Would he sell it?

"Make me an offer."

The son sizes up his father this way: While the 1957 Chevy is "not for sale," he would let it go "for the right price."

The model year 1957 was a "good year for cars," Richmond says. "Everybody wants a '57 Chevrolet, even though the '55 and '56 models are just as good a car. But the '57 had fins and chrome."

So, who wants what vintage and make of car?

"It just depends on the individual. Some guys are Corvette guys. And they don't want to buy anything but Corvettes. Some guys are Ford guys and want to buy Mustangs or Cobras. Some like the real old ones," dating to the Model T and Model A. "Some want Cadillacs. One guy in town collects Oldsmobiles, Ted McVey."

Richmond, who worked on cars at his garage at home until he purchased the 6,000-square-foot metal building for a shop in 1990, said that his son, a talented mechanic and Model A specialist, "has been working on them (restoration projects) all of his life," at least since his mid-teens.

While Model T and Model A cars are "very simple" mechanically, Neil Richmond says that "it takes a unique individual to repair them. A lot of people can't work on it (either Model T or Model A) because it is so simple. They think 'That can't be right.' "

In America's automotive pioneering years and heydays heading to the grandiose 1950s, "They (craftsmen and artisans) had more pride in their work," he said, and the durable metals, iron, steel, brass and nickel, used in production, ensured survivability and collectability, if warranted, except for some 1930s Chevrolet models using wood framework.

And the younger Richmond wonders about the resilience of today's plastic-laden and technological-complicated cars years from now, say 80 years away.

"Even 80 years from today, the Model A will still be just as good a vehicle and just as easy to restore," says the son.

"And worth a lot of money," reckons his father, who speculates that just "maybe" there will still be an occasional Tin Lizzie or Model A coupe or sedan hidden away in garages or barns, such as the Model A near Knox City, his 1947 birthplace, and a 1958 red convertible Ford Edsel which he, filled with delight, found in a barn on a ranch near Brownwood in Brown County where the Richmond family maintains a ranch acquired by Neil Richmond's late father, A.E. Richmond, an Midland oilman who "traded ranches about the way I trade cars."

About 10 years ago, Neil Richmond came across the 1958 Edsel convertible stored in a barn and took her away for a complete makeover.

In hauling the rare car to Midland for restoration, he pulled into a Brownwood service station for refueling. Right away, another collector of classic cars asked Richmond if the prize was for sale.

Of course, but for the right price.

"That is highly collectible, especially an Edsel convertible," says Richmond, who readily gladhands and affirms his "Everything is for sale" slogan but only for "the right price."

Ed Todd is a writer for The Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Dearly Beloved,

This Saturday will mark the 37th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs Wade decision legalizing abortion. Since then over 40 million babies have been killed "legally" in our beloved country. Each Friday 25 to 35 of these innocent babies are killed in downtown Midland at Planned Parenthood's abortion mill. While these killings are underway St. Stephen's teenagers beginning at 7 in the morning gather outside Planned Parenthood to pray that this baby killing stop. I lead the adults at noon in prayer for the same hope. This Friday Bishop Pfeifer will lead this noon prayer to commemorate the anniversary of the darkest of all days in our national history. Please join us this Friday on the corner of Texas & Ft. Worth in support of the unborn.

I cannot allow this anniversary to pass without bringing to your attention my thoughts on this national tragedy. Nothing has more far-reaching consequences than sin.
Sin is when God's purpose in creation is hindered. This mass killing of unborn babies is the result of divorcing the gratification of sexual acts from God's purpose. God's purpose in creating human beings is to populate heaven. God told Adam and Eve, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth." (Gen. 1:22) Our first parents' mission to multiply and fill the earth with those destined for heaven is now ours. What a privilege to be so intimately involved in populating heaven! This is why all acts involved in procreation are sacred by their very nature. To encourage us to participate in such a noble mission, God made each of us in such a way where enormous gratification is enjoyed in acts of procreation, that is, sexual behavior. God has ordained that these acts are only allowed when they are done between a man and a woman who are committed to one another for better and for worse, in sickness and in health, until death. We call this marriage, where a man and a woman enter into a contract for life whereby they give to each other rights over one another's body for acts, which by their very nature tend to the procreation of the human species. Outside of marriage, all sexual acts which engage the sexual parts, such as masturbation, premarital sex, extramarital sex, and sex between homosexuals are gravely sinful. Sexual acts even in marriage must be open to giving life. Certainly these acts can be enjoyed when procreation would be very unlikely and/or when conception and child bearing are not possible, but they can never be artificially hindered because this would obstruct God's purpose in sexual behavior. Unwanted babies are the result of sexual activity engaged in only for pleasure and gratification divorced from its consequences as well as from God's purpose. The undeclared but predominant philosophy of our day is hedonism which holds pleasure and gratification to be the highest good and the proper aim of humans. How clearly Debbie Boone defined it in the last line of *You Light Up My Life:*

"It can't be wrong, when it feels so right
Cause you, you light up my life."

Hedonism is simply the worship of the body. It is the cancer eating us alive. The symptoms are many. To list only a few: 1. It claims a woman's right over her body is greater than her unborn child's right to life. 2. It shamefully overfeeds our bodies to a point where most of our population is obese. 3. It tosses out a marriage as well as a religion when it no longer feels good. 4. It allows our nation which is only 5% of the world's population, to consume more than 60% of the world's productivity. 5. It spends more on protecting our stuff than would feed and educate that half of the world's population that is illiterate and goes to bed very hungry every night. 6. It's most tragic symptom is killing and not making room for more than a million of our most helpless and innocent unborn babies each year. Till we develop the discipline needed to say "no" to the inordinate demands of our bodies, individually and nationally, we will not be able to say YES to life.

Monsignor James P. Bridges
Pastor of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, Midland, Texas

Conference to focus on recovery from alcoholism

By Ed Todd
Reporter-Telegram Correspondent

Lives overwhelmed and set adrift by insidious alcoholism will be retold this weekend by recovering alcoholics who found rebirth, purpose and a sense of well-being in working the 12-step program of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

Tales of despair and chaos versus freedom and renewal will be the focus of the 41st annual Mid-Winter AA Conference in the downtown Midland Center.

The AA program and its companion, Al-Anon program for family and friends of alcoholics, is "a good design for living," said Davis P., a recovering alcoholic graced with more than 40 years of sobriety.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a "fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism," according to AA's official Big Book.

Working the spiritual program helps the spiritually bankrupt alcoholic find a vital and hearty way of living that demands personal responsibility and rigorous honesty.

The AA program helps recovering alcoholics to fill "the spiritual vacuum" associated with the scourge of alcoholism, according to the Big Book.

The 12-step spiritual program, which was founded in 1935 by Dr. Bob, an Akron, Ohio, physician, and by Bill W., a New York stockbroker, is open to anyone who has a desire to stop drinking alcohol and to lead a sober and conscientious life.

Before AA's founding, Dr. Bob and Bill W., who had been deemed "hopeless alcoholics," had been associated with the Oxford Group, a fellowship that emphasized universal spiritual values in daily living.

The three-day Midland AA conference traditionally attracts several hundred up to 1,000 recovering alcoholics and members of the Al-Anon community of family members and friends of alcoholics, both practicing and recovering.

The conference's registration fee of $40 includes access to the hospitality room for fellowship, refreshments and a well-stocked smorgasbord. The pre-conference kick-off greeting and meeting will begin at 8 p.m. today at the AA Serenity Group, 3100 N. "A" St., Building C, in Midland.

Voice of the Conference is Willard M. of Devine.

The weekend agenda includes:

- 8 p.m. Friday: AA speaker is Miriam G., of Lancaster, Calif. Kathy B. chairs.
- 10 p.m. Friday: Night Owl meeting. Pew B. chairs.
- 9:30 a.m. Saturday: AA speaker is Cecilia M., of Louisville, Ky. Karen A. chairs.
- 11 a.m. Saturday: Al-Anon speaker is Stephanie B., of Granite Shoals. Barbara H. chairs.
- 8 p.m. Saturday: AA speaker is Don M., of Louisville, Ky. Terry B. chairs.
- 10 a.m. Sunday: AA speaker Molly S., of Albuquerque, N.M. Mary Ellen W. chairs.

About AA

The worldwide AA fellowship claims an estimated 2 million recovering alcoholics in 100,000 groups, including about 50,000 groups in the United States, in 150 countries. AA's U.S. membership is estimated at 1 million.

The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous says to "Remember that we deal with alcohol — cunning, baffling, powerful! Without help, it is too much for us. But there is one who has all power. That one is God. May you find him now! Half measures availed us nothing. We stood at the turning point. We asked his protection and care with complete abandon."

The AA Serenity Prayer, which expresses the breadth and fabric of the fellowship and which was penned by American theologian Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971), opens: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

Alcoholics Anonymous is "the most successful program at restoring lives in the history of mankind," said Latimer B., who has been graced with more than 25 years of sobriety which has brought forth such profundity as "If you don't take a drink, you won't get drunk." And what helps facilitate "not taking a drink is the association with others who are moving forward with the same passion for a changed life."

MPD to hold open recruit testing

From staff reports

The Midland Police Department is looking for new officers and will be holding an open recruiting event Saturday morning at the police training grounds.

Potential candidates will be tested with a physical and written examination for the upcoming August Academy.

"I'm optimistic for the turn out because we've received a lot of interest these past couple days," said officer Dylan Hale, with MPD's recruiting division.

Hale said he expects the department could need about a dozen officers by the time the next academy session begins.

Potential candidates will be expected to complete 30 sit ups, 25 push ups, run 1.5 miles in 14 minutes, 46 seconds and complete a written test.

Hale stressed that would-be recruits first check with the city's website to ensure they meet the standard requirements for all police officers: No felonies, a good driving record, required amount of schooling and no history of criminal conduct. To view an entire list of requirements, go to www.midlandtexas.gov or call the recruiting office at 685-7141.

The recruitment tests will begin at 11 a.m. at the Midland Police Department Training Facility located at 4214 FM 307.

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Channels	G	S	R	C	W	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	5	5	4	5	5	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Wipeout Contestants face obstacles. (N)		Grey's Anatomy "Superfriends" (N)		(5N) Private Practice "Pay The Girl" (N)		News	(35) Night line (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News at 6	Entertainment Tonight	Big Bang Theory (N)	(:35) 8 / My Dad Says	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Sort" (N)		The Mentalist "Scorchwood" (N)		CBS 7 News at 10	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman (N)	Late	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	That '70s Show (N)	That '70s Show (N)	The Vampire Diaries (N)		Nikita An assignment makes Alex uneasy. (N)		Married... With	Married... With	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	South Park "Mecha-Streisand"	South Park "Free Hat"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	American Idol Hopefuls perform for the judges.		Bones A body is found in a socialite's home. (N)		The Simpsons (N)	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	Everybody Raymond	Law & Order "Parting Glass"	Special Victims Unit "Consolar"
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Inframe Salamanca	Dr. Ron Charles	Update News	Sid Roth	Light of the Southwest Authors, musicians (N)				Dr. Hollas Amazing	Dr. Jack Van Impe	Bill Cloud	Dr. Swallow
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News (N)	Be a Millionaire	Community (N) (N)	Perfect Couples (N) (N)	The Office (N) (N)	Parks and Recreation	30 Rock (N) (N)	Outsourced (N) (N)	News (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)	Late Night	
KUPT PBS	12	12		12	6	PBS Newshour (N) (N)	The Aviators (N)	Parks and Wildlife		Antiques Roadshow "Miami Beach" (N)		Pioneers of Television Futurists, storytellers		Charlie Rose (N) (N)	BBC World News (N)	Travis Smiley (N)	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Laura de Amor (N) (N)		Eva Luna (N) (N)		Triunfo del Amor (N)		Mujeres Asesinas 3 (N) (N)		Noticias Telemundo	Noticiero Univision	La Hondad Desafia (N)	(N)
MyTV	15	15		15		Earl	Smarter	Without a Trace (N)		Without a Trace (N)		My News	Access H.	Earl	Family Guy	Curb	Entourage
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	60		165		(5:50) "The Score" (N)		(:05) ★★★ "Night on Earth" (1992) (N)				15 Min		★★ "CQ" (2001) Jeremy Davies (N)		★ "White Coats" (N)	
HBO	300	60	14	14		(5:45) "The Mistress of Spices" (N)		Big Love "Home" (N)		"President to Remember: Kennedy"				K. Morgan	K. Morgan	Funny Die	Pride/Glory
HBO2	302	89	15	180	23	"Immortal Selloutz"		★★ "Valentine's Day" (2010) Jessica Alba (N)				Shameless		★ "Bride Wars" (2009) (N)		★★★ "Good Hair" (N)	
HBO3	304	70	16	192		★★★ "Appaloosa" (2008) Ed Harris (N)				Real Time/Bill Maher		★★ "A Perfect Getaway" (2009)			(:40) ★★★ "Watchmen" (2009) (N)		
MAX	380	71	17	320	24	Funny Pro	(:40) ★★★ "Duplicity" (2009) Julia Roberts (N) 9/5-12 (N)					★ "Cop Out" (2010) Bruce Willis (N)				(10:50) Lingerie $5 (N)	
MAX2	382	72	18	322		★ "Mirrors" (2008) Kiefer Sutherland (N)				★ "Rollerball" (2002) Chris Klein			(:40) Co-Ed Confidential 4 PLAY (N)			(:15) "The Wolfman" (N)	
PLEX			96			★★ "The Jewel of the Nile" (1985) (N)				(7:50) ★★ "Superman III" (1983) (N)				"Hercules and the Circle of Fire" (N)			Red Sonja
SHOW	320	66	19	340	25	(5:55) "Adventureland"		★★ "Middle of Nowhere" (2008)			(:35) "Extreme World" (2008) (N)			Laugh	Laugh	Californ.	Shameless
TMC	350	67	22	350	26	(5:50) "Transformers"		★★ "The Boys Are Back" (2009) Clive Owen				★ "Sorority Row" (2009) (N)			(:40) ★★ "Youth in Revolt" (2009)		
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	36	47	The First 48 "The Last Girl: Proof of All Evil"		The First 48 A shooting in a grow-crowd bar.		The First 48 Executive-style double homicide.		Beyond Scared Straight "Jeremy" (N) (N)		Beyond Scared Straight "Chrystal" (N)	(:55) The First 48 "Winter Series" (N)		
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	"Crocodile Dundee II"		★★ "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" (2003)				★★ "Demolition Man" (1993) Sylvester Stallone (N)					Crocodile
BET	58	26		46		106 & Park: Top 10 Live	Together	Together		★★ "Booty Call" (1997) Jamie Foxx (N)				The Mo'Nique Show		Wendy Williams Show	
BRAV	95	63		61		Real Housewives	Real Housewives			Real Housewives		Real Housewives/Beverly			Happens	Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report (N)	Mind of Google			St Swimsuit Issue		Pom: Business		Mad Money		Mind of Google	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)			Piers Morgan Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)				Piers Morgan Tonight	
DISC	55	25	21	24	42	Man vs. Wild (N)	Man vs. Wild (N)			Masters of Survival (N)		Dual Survival "Cold Cut"		Man vs. Wild (N)		Masters of Survival (N)	
DISN	36	27	26	25	30	Good Luck	Good Luck	Sonny	Shake It	SuiteSuite	SuiteSuite	Good Luck	Good Luck	Sonny	Sonny	Hannah	Hannah
ESPN	32	29	48	21	30	College Basketball Teams TBA (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA (Live)				SportsCenter (N)		NFL Live	Final
ESPN2	34	28	49	22	31	College Basketball Teams TBA (Live)				College Basketball Teams TBA (Live)				Tennis Australian Open, Day 5 (Live) (N)			
FAM	53	54	34	43	33	Furniture Home Videos		★★ "Liar Liar" (1997) Comedy, Jim Carrey				Furniture Home Videos		The 700 Club (N)		Whose?	Whose?
FNC	45	38	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	55	27	59	54	Bobby Flay	Best Thing	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef America		Ace. Cakes	Unwrapped	Chopped "In a Pinch"		Iron Chef America	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Texas Push	DFW Sports	Profiles	Stars Live (Live)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers. From Rexall Place in Edmonton, Alberta. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)				Stars Live (Live)		UIL Championship Spotlight	
FX	31	31	59	54	49	(4:55) "Iron Man" (2008)		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	★★ "There's Something About Mary" (1998) Cameron Diaz					Rescue Me
HALL	54	49	58		34	The Boss	The Boss	Little House		"The Wish List" (2010) Jennifer Esposito (N)				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
HGTV	63	50	25	48	44	Hunters	House	First Place	First Place	Selling NY	Selling NY	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling NY	Selling NY
HIST	71	52	29	50	43	Modern Marvels (N)		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Swamp People (N)		Brad Meltzer's Dec.		Stan Lee's		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars
LIFE	28	25	25	28	46	How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	Relos (N)	Relos (N) (N)	"My Daughter's Secret" (2007) Drama, Jennifer Grant, Nina Dobrev (N)				How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	Frasier (N)	Frasier (N) (N)
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball Matthews		Countdown		Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		Countdown		Rachel Maddow Show	
NICK	65	34	39	34	37	iCarly (N)	SpongeBob	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	George	George	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Gangland (N)		Gangland (N)		TNA Wrestling (N) (N) (N)				MANowars	MANowars	MANowars	Son Beach
SYFY	96	64	41	57	67	★ "Jay Ride 2: Dead Ahead" (2008) (N)				★ "The Hitcher" (2007) Suspense, Sean Bean				★★ "The Midnight Meat Train" (2008) (N)			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld (N) (N)	Seinfeld (N) (N)	★★★ "Save the Last Dance" (2001) Romance, Julia Stiles, Sean Patrick Thomas (N)				Family Guy (N) (N)	Family Guy (N) (N)	Conan (N)		Lopez Tonight (N)	
TCM	61	61	24	63	66	(:15) Private Screenings		★★★ "The Pink Panther" (1964) Peter Sellers				★★★ "A Shot in the Dark" (1964) Peter Sellers				"Murder by Death" (N)	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso Cerrado: Edición		Aurora (N) (SS)		Henderson-Monte		Alguien te Mira (SS)		Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones (N) (SS)	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Secrets of the Secret Service (N) (N)		Police Women of Cincinnati (N) (N)		Police Women of Cincinnati (N) (N) (N)		Police Women of Cincinnati (N) (N)		Police Women of Cincinnati (N) (N)		County Jail "Las Vegas" (N) (N)	
TNT	24	23	46	26	50	Bones Block party. (N) (N)		NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago. (Live) (N)				NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Portland Trail Blazers. From the Rose Garden in Portland, Ore. (Live) (N)					
TVL	49	48	35	54	35	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
USA	26	30	42	27	48	NCIS "Faking It" Petty officer is murdered. (N)		NCIS Two mercenaries are found dead. (N)		Royal Pains "Hulligan" (N) (N)		(:01) Fairly Legal "Pilot" Series Premiere. (N) (N)			(:16) White Collar "Burke's Law" (N)	(:16) Royal Pains (N)	
VS.	38	26				Whacked	The T.O.	WEC WrestCage (N)		World Extreme Cagefighting				NHL Overtime (Live)		World Extreme Cage	
WGN-A	16	18				America's Funniest Home Videos (N) (N)	WWE Superstars (N) (N)			How I Met Mother	How I Met Mother	WGN News at Nine (N) (N) (N)		Scrubs (N) (N)	Scrubs (N) (N)	WWE Superstars (N) (N)	

REGIONROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LUBBOCK

Official: Search for missing Colorado City girl expands

An official says authorities looking for a missing 13-year-old West Texas girl are searching empty buildings and using dogs to scour additional landfills in the area.

City Manager Pete Kampfer in Colorado City said Wednesday that buildings in nearby Scurry and Mitchell counties were included in the search for Hailey Darlene Dunn. He declined to be more specific and wouldn't name additional landfills.

Kampfer has said evidence was found recently at a landfill in Abilene, 70 miles east of Colorado City, where Hailey was reported missing Dec. 28.

No arrests have been made.

The former live-in boyfriend of Hailey's mother has been named among several people of interest in the case. Shawn Adkins has denied any involvement in Hailey's disappearance.

NEW MEXICO

Construction to begin soon on wind farm

DEMING — An official said construction is expected to begin in the next two weeks on 28 wind turbines in southern New Mexico's Luna County.

A project manager with Element Power, John Knight, said the wind farm on the Nutt grasslands should be in operation by July.

Element Power is the parent company of the Macho Springs Project.

Each turbine will be capable of generating up to 1.8 megawatts.

Construction will be done in phases.

The first phase will include earthwork to prepare for the 430-foot tall turbines. The second will include work on the foundations and putting up the turbines.

Construction is expected to last about six months.

Knight says the wind generators will offset about 35,000 tons of carbon dioxide being released into the atmosphere.

HENDERSON

Texan not charged in pit bull death of grandson, 2

A Rusk County grand jury has declined to indict a man whose pit bull was blamed for the mauling death of his 2-year-old grandson.

A grand jury no-billed Kelvin Muckleroy. The decision was announced Tuesday.

Kaden Muckleroy died Nov. 10 at a hospital after being attacked at his grandfather's home in Henderson.

Authorities euthanized some of the 35 to 40 dogs seized at the residence following the deadly mauling.

Rusk County Sheriff Danny Pirtle has said the dog that killed the boy was among those euthanized.

HOUSTON

Study: Recovering economy means increased traffic

Just as Americans started worrying a little less about jobs and money, they got something new to fret about: more traffic.

An annual study done by the Texas Transportation Institute at Texas A&M University found that traffic was better than it had been in a decade during the height of the recession. But roads snarled once again as people returned to work and shopping.

Using real-time data to calculate commuter mileage, speed and distance traveled over time, the institute estimated traffic tie-ups cost about $115 billion in 2009. The study released Thursday cites factors such as wasted fuel, lost work hours and delays in shipping goods.

Commuters in Chicago and Washington suffered the most, losing 70 hours a year to traffic delays. Nationally, the average commuter wasted 34 hours in traffic in 2009 — up from 14 hours in 1982, the first year for which researchers have records.

The good news, researchers say, is that traffic also is a sign of prosperity.

"The tie between the economy and congestion is not unexpected," said Tim Lomax, a research engineer with the institute.

Researchers have seen similar regional declines in the past. For example, Lomax said when oil prices plummeted in the 1980s, Dallas and Houston got much-needed relief from traffic as people lost their jobs and stayed home. A similar phenomenon was tracked in California when the high-tech bubble burst in the 1990s, he added. Until now, however, the researchers — who released their first study in 1984 — have not had such a large national recession to track.

"What we've seen on the regional level is mirrored in these numbers on the national level," Lomax said.

Also like the economy, traffic still is not at pre-recession levels.

The study found that in 2007, the nation wasted 5.2 billion hours in traffic.

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MINAJ

From 1B

an empty promise.

"We started to back up, but then we said, 'let's do it, let's trust.'"

Mark Cheatham, booking agent for Minaj, said the artist never scheduled a Midland show and is in the United Kingdom this week.

About 450 tickets, ranging from $50-$100, had been sold to the concert by various ticket locations.

The Clarion will issue refunds to buyers bringing in their original tickets Jan. 28 beginning at 3 p.m. at its adjacent convention center, located at 4300 West Wall St. in Midland.

Sydnor said the hotel kept contact information for all ticket buyers.

"The refunds don't fix it," he said. "We have the same people thirsting for entertainment. We've got to find a way to fix this issue."

Discovery of the non-concert came hours before a new $23,000 door, required by building code for the expected crowd, was to be installed at the convention center.

Countless hours, however, already had been spent rehearsing for the concert by Legacy Elite and other local performers.

Sydnor said he now is negotiating with Cheatham to bring Minaj and Young Money to Midland legitimately. No date has been projected.

"We are going to bring Nicki Minaj to Midland," Sydnor said. "We are going to do it the right way and so we can let people know it's a real concert, and we are going to do it soon."

Editor's Note: This concert is featured among the entertainment listings in today's Pulse. The Pulse was published before the discovery of the cancellation late Wednesday.

TOUR

From 1B

said. "We're giving up one day for those who gave their lives for our freedom."

In order to transport all 300 veterans, Ballenger said the organization is looking to charter a 747 plane or at least three smaller planes to accommodate the passengers, medical personnel and guardians — volunteers trained to help make the vets as comfortable as possible on the trip.

The organization also is accepting applications from veterans and encourages individuals to apply early because positions on the trip are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

While they want the chartered flight to be filled mainly with veterans and the necessary flight crew and personnel, Ballenger encourages family members wanting to attend with their veterans to get a separate charter plane or ticket to Washington to tour the city as well.

"It's a very fulfilling and thorough day, but they're very excited and look forward to it. They cherish it once they have the chance to experience it," he said.

For more information, make a donation or to apply online, visit the organization's website at www.westtexashonorflight.org.

Audrie Palmer can be reached at apalmer@mrt.com.

BUS

From 1B

Net operating costs also came in at less than was budgeted for through December by about $35,500. The fiscal year started Oct. 1.

The report was well received, particularly because EZ Rider board members grappled last year with a budget that ran over by about $170,000 at one point.

In December, the number of passengers using EZ Rider had increased by nearly 15 percent from December of 2009. For the fiscal year through December, ridership numbers were up 10.2 percent, Mandrell said.

Increases were seen in both fixed routes and paratransit services. Mandrell said the monthly passes being sold have contributed to some of the increase as the service is used heavily by students.

"If gas prices continue to rise I can see that number continuing to incline," he said, of overall passenger counts.

When it comes to projects, Mandrell reported they're continuing to move ahead.

Braille signs for the bus stops as well as plastic covers meant to hold route maps were purchased in 2009 with about $145,000 in federal stimulus money. In December, board members learned those signs had yet to be installed. John Wilson with McDonald Transit said with a shortfall last year they weren't able to allocate the wages necessary to install the signs on EZ Rider's route stops.

The work now is being done with a few stops being worked on in Midland. The location of other stops are being catalogued so that when signs are added they interface correctly with EZ Rider's website and each map printed, Mandrell said.

"The sign and the website will all tie together," he said, adding the website already has been updated for Midland.

EZ Rider also is waiting to learn whether it will receive grant money from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding an intercity route that's been proposed between Midland and Odessa. An application for funding was submitted at the close of the year.

Kathleen Thurber can be reached at kthurber@mrt.com.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Violation of probation: Oscar M. Castillo, 47, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Violation of parole: Jesse C. Fennell Jr., 48, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of violation of parole.

Violation of probation: Pedro C. Flores, 20, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Injuring a child: Cruz N. Gutierrez, 20, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of injuring a child.

Burglary of a habitation: Stephanie L. Loshiavo, 39, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of burglary of a habitation.

Aggravated assault: Aaron B. Mills, 23, of Odessa, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of aggravated assault.

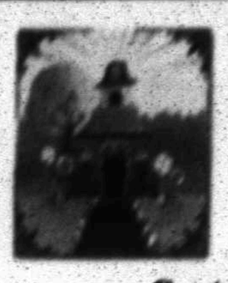
Violation of probation: Richard L. Murphy Jr., 21, of Colorado City, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Driving while intoxicated with a child under 15: Iver G. Ramirez, 29, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years old.

Driving while intoxicated: Milton W. Taulton, 56, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland police on a third charge of driving while intoxicated.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon: Thomas S. Rodriguez, 33, of Midland, was arrested Tuesday by Midland County deputies on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office.



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14 Now they had forgotten to bring bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. 15 And he cautioned them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." 16 And they discussed it with one another, saying, "We have no bread." 17 And being aware of it, Jesus said to them, "Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened?

18 Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." 20 "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." 21 And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

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TODAY Partly cloudy high 45 low 17

FRIDAY Sunny high 60 low 24

SATURDAY Sunny high 62 low 34

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect partly cloudy skies today with a high around 45 and north winds between 25 and 30 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for clear conditions with a low around 17 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, look for sunny skies with a high around 60, a low around 24 and south winds around between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday, look for sunny skies with a high around 62 and a low around 34.

The high on Wednesday reached 76 while the low dropped to 36. The record high for Jan. 19 is 83 set in 2000. The record low is 8 set in 1963.

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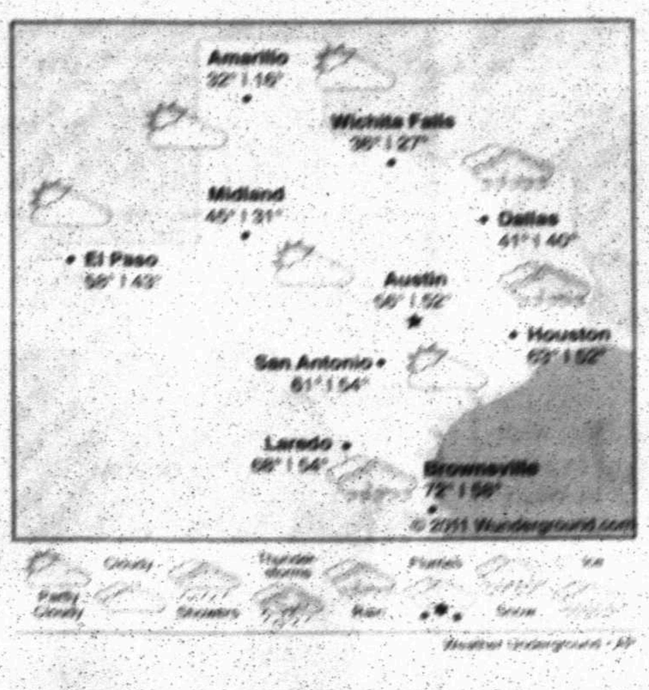
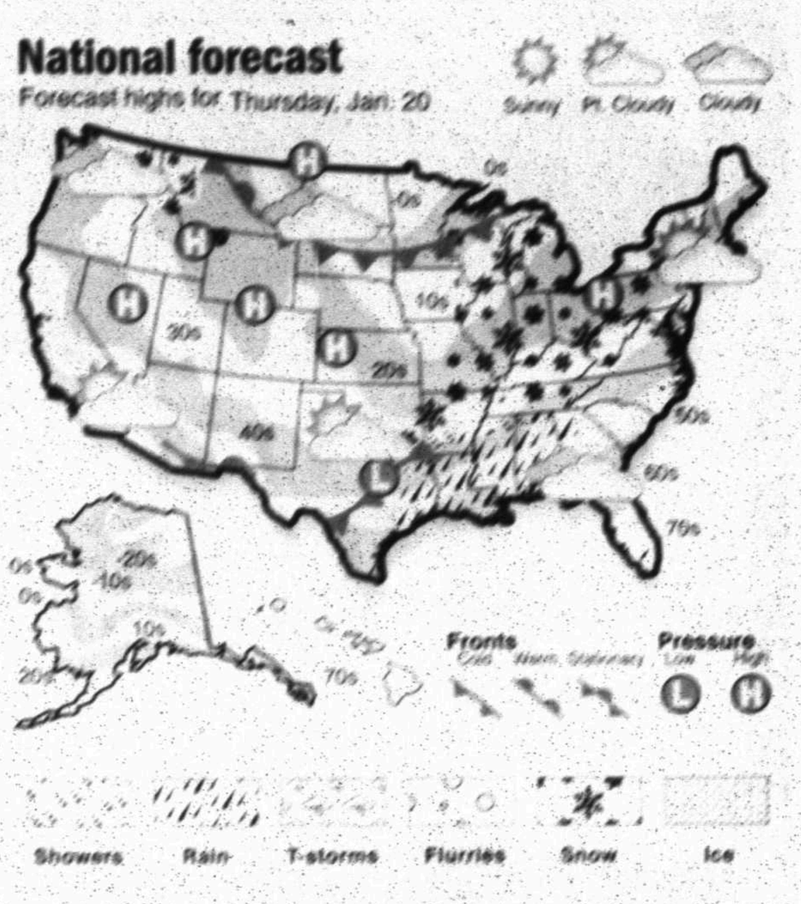
A cold front will bring frigid temperatures and cold, sometimes freezing rain to the eastern third of the state today, according to the National Weather Service.

Skies will be mostly cloudy statewide with a chance of freezing drizzle was in the forecast for North Texas north of Interstate 20 this morning and early in the afternoon. Otherwise, the forecast called for a 70 percent chance of cold rain and drizzle in the Ark-La-Tex, a 40 percent chance for the rest of northeast Texas and a 20 to 30 percent chance for Central and Southeast Texas. Winds will be northerly at 15 to 25 mph with some gusts to 30 mph.



Precipitation	
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	Trace
Total for year	Trace
Normal total (year to date)	0.3 in.

Wednesday's temperatures	
High	76
Low	36
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:48 a.m.
Sunset	6:42 p.m.



Lesson backfires on student who pulls prank

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a dorm at a large university where a former friend, "Glen," also lives. We are no longer on speaking terms because of an incident that happened last year.

One day during pre-finals week, I left my room briefly to get something from a friend's room down the hall. I left my door unlocked because I'd be back soon. When I returned a few minutes later, my laptop, my cell phone and several books full of class notes were missing. I was distraught almost to the point of a breakdown.

Later that night, Glen knocked on my door and revealed that he had hidden the items in his room to "teach me a lesson" about not locking my door. I was speechless that a "friend" could do such a thing to me.

I notified the police and officials at the university. Glen was arrested for theft and charged with a misdemeanor. The university terminated his scholarship, and he was sentenced to community service.

Glen is now blaming me for what happened. He claims what he did wasn't really "stealing" and that I ruined his life. He's harassing me at every opportunity and spreading misinformation to my friends.

I believe I acted justly to what was plainly a case of theft. Am I wrong? How should I act in the case of Glen's current behavior? — VICTIM IN TEXAS

DEAR VICTIM: Your former friend appears to be emotionally disturbed. He has no one to blame but himself for what has happened to him. If you haven't already done so, warn him to stop the harassment — and if he doesn't, report it to the authorities. And don't worry about the misinformation he is trying to spread among your friends. If they are truly your friends, they'll believe you when you tell them they're being lied to.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been arguing about his leaving the lights on throughout our house. He's convinced that it adds little to our electric bill, but it bothers me that every single light is left burning. I realize there is a cost difference between incandescent and fluorescent lighting, but leaving all the lights on seems unnecessary and wasteful to me. Could you please "shed some light" on our argument? — LIT UP IN JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

DEAR LIT UP: According to the Renewable Energy Policy Project (REPP) in Washington, D.C., leaving a 100-watt incandescent bulb on for 12 hours a day for one month will add $40 per year to your electric bill. Multiply that by the number of bulbs in your home and it can add up quickly.

Fluorescent bulbs use fewer watts than incandescent bulbs, but turning them on ages the filaments — so if they'll be turned on again within a minute or two, leave them on. (This is not a recommendation to leave fluorescent bulbs burning constantly, just a suggestion that if they won't be needed after a few minutes, to turn them off.)

LED bulbs are more expensive to buy, but they last longer, use less wattage and emit brighter light. However, when the illumination is no longer needed, they, too, should be extinguished.

P.S. Since your husband has money to burn, why not invest in motion sensors so he'll have light wherever he goes without inflating your energy bills?

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Where's the Setting Trick?

East-West vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ J 8 2
♥ K Q 3
♦ K Q J 2
♣ 8 5 3

WEST
♠ 6 4 3
♥ A 10 7 5
♦ 9 6 4
♣ K 9 6

EAST
♠ Q 10
♥ J 8 6 2
♦ A 10 8 7
♣ J 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ 9 4
♦ 5 3
♣ A Q 10 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Nine of ♦

Here's another deal from the Nail Life Mixer Pairs event at the recent ACBL Fall North American Championships held in Orlando, Fla., reported by Barry Rigal. The field was more or less evenly divided between three no-trump and four spades. In the auction above, North's sequence showed a limit raise in spades with exactly three trumps, so four spades by South was a logical contract.

Looking at all four hands, it might seem that declarer's only losers at the spade game was a trick in each side suit. However, at a few tables the contract failed. Can you see which four tricks declarer lost?

Go to the top of the class if you selected a trump as the fourth trick! East won the opening lead with the ace and switched to a heart, taken by the ace. The heart return was taken in dummy and declarer cashed the two top trumps. When the queen dropped, declarer had to lose a club trick but that was that.

At some tables, however, East dropped the queen on the first trump lead, so declarer won and finessed dummy's eight of trumps next — down one. Pretty defense, found at the table by Ron Smith and Brian Glubock, among others.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011:

This year you evolve in a new direction. Often you let others dominate the social scene. That type of interaction simply is not that important to you, though you could feel otherwise next year. Your friendships remain key, and you will do whatever you need to do in order to maintain them. If single, it is likely because of a friendship that a love relationship develops. You could have quite the case of spring fever. If you are attached, the two of you gain through focusing on a long-term goal. LEO likes people as much as you do!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You are juggling others' very different responses to the same event or act. Friends tend to gather on one side, while a loved one seems quite contrary. Through understanding the feelings behind the thoughts, you find an answer. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Your perspective seems to conflict with an authority figure's request. Do not mix your personal life with your professional life. An observant friend or loved one gives much-needed support. Tonight: Your favorite place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Seek out more opinions and different perspectives to an issue. Be ready to discover that you might not have all the facts. Work with someone directly, opening up a new avenue of communication. A partner, loved one or special friend proves to be most supportive. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive. This trait reveals your insecurity. Work on building a stronger sense of well-being. Perhaps a purchase of a new item or a membership at a gym could help. You decide. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You understand others' opposition on a project, yet you are still smiling. Handle their attitude by not taking any statements personally. This course of action reveals an innate self-confidence. Tonight: A loved one might act like a bee with honey.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Play it low-key. A personal matter or an issue regarding property will be more easily resolved than a snafu at work. Focus where success lies. Your instincts guide you financially. Understand that not only you, but also many people feel as if there is never enough money. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Others prove to be instrumental. You might smile at hearing key information. Ask yourself if you are vested in a certain outcome. Use your innate charm, and others will be more inclined to agree. Tonight: Just don't isolate yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Be willing to take a stand or assume responsibility. How you manage to bring a project or event to conclusion is your call. The end results prove to be most worthwhile. Express an innate talent through manifesting and letting others view this gift. Tonight: Count on a late night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You gain a better grasp on a hot issue. Be careful making a financial decision. Though you might be very positive about someone's offer or a special expense, you don't have the whole story. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Someone makes a request that feels difficult to fulfill. What you do with your decision reflects your self-concept. Be aware that others are picking up on the same issue. Avoid taking comments personally. Tonight: Use care with a new person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Others continue to test your boundaries. You do need to get into a flurry, but do notice if anything is unusually difficult. You might want to review that whole situation with eye to change. Stay calm, cool and collected. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ All work and no play can be a problem, as you discover early on. Why push yourself so hard? Remember, life is for living. Join in a conversation over lunch. Share more of yourself. Others see you in a positive vein. You can count on that. Tonight: Get errands done.

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BORN TODAY

Comedian and talk-show host Bill Maher (1956), comedian George Burns (1896), actress Patricia Neal (1926)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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1 Volkswagen model since 1979
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10 Charm
14 Unit of capacitance
15 "Would __?"
16 Baseball's Moises
17 Tough handicap to overcome in a joust?
20 Words after post or suffer
21 Beginning
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26 Leo, for one
27 Manhattan neighborhood acronym
28 Ready to serve
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35 Gave a buzz
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41 HBO competitor
42 __ king
43 Hokkaido native
44 Snoot for, with "to"
46 Old Italian bread
48 Puts on
50 Biol. branch
51 Was familiar with Britain?
55 Unlikely lint-gatherer
58 Without delay
59 Bow tied by mortal hands?
65 Pinup Hayworth
66 Pianist Gilels
67 Church parts
68 They have heads and handles
69 Mug imperfections
70 Symbol of strength

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1 LaGuardia alternative, familiarly
2 Suffix with Caesar
3 Like jibs
4 Movie poster words
5 For a specific purpose
6 Big name in guitars
7 Pledge of Allegiance ender
8 November 2006 Nintendo release
9 Barbie's beau
10 Took one's place at, as a post
11 Cries following charges
12 __ Cuervo tequila
13 Remove from office
18 Sound of reproach
19 End for free
22 Capital of Rwanda
23 Cookie information, perhaps
24 Relax, as tense relations
25 Ancient Aegean region
26 Cordage fiber
29 Retina-brain link
30 Jerk
31 Stand out
33 Calypso offshoot
34 Like ugly remarks
36 Fast sports cars
40 "__ pronounce you..."
45 Naval attire
47 Loyal Japanese dogs
49 Sluggards
52 "The Matrix" hero
53 Modern dash-mounted device: Abbr.
54 Croquet venues
55 Creole vegetable
56 Windows alternative
57 Handy bag
60 Kasbah headgear
61 "I didn't need to know that!"
62 Best seller
63 General at Antietam
64 Step up from dial-up

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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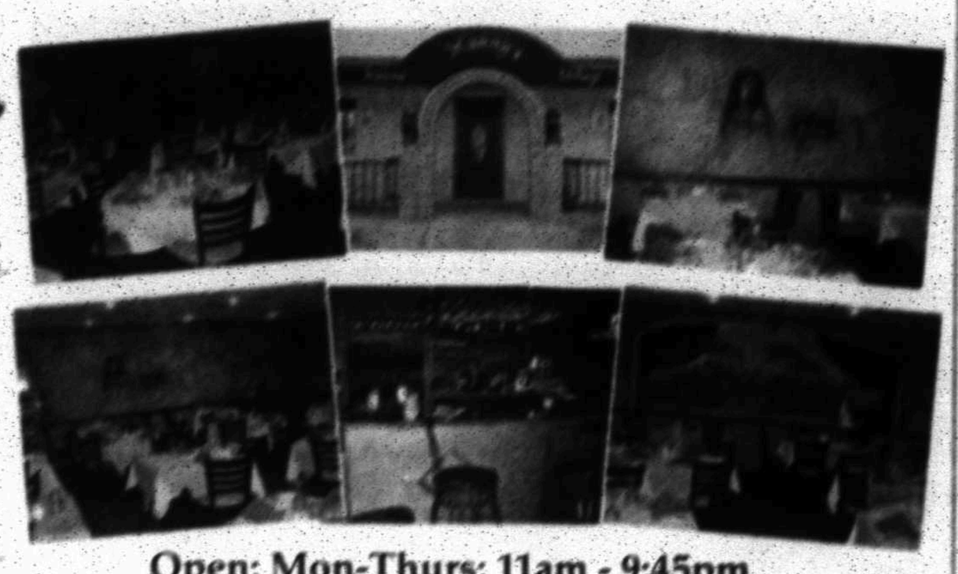

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sports

Midland College guard knows how to keep cool

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MR. COOL Midland College's Ty Nurse bring the ball down court Monday against NMJC.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Midland College men's basketball coach Ross Hodge has noticed that Ty Nurse is one cool, calm and collected young man on the basketball court. That's probably a good thing because Nurse usually runs the point for the No. 15-ranked Chaparrals.

"He's rock solid," said Hodge about his sophomore guard. "He never gets fed up, never gets rattled. He's a guy that you know what you're going to get every time out on the practice floor and every time in games. You know what he's going to bring to the table."

What Nurse is bringing to the table this season is experience and maturity Hodge wants from someone playing his position. Nurse is also someone who has been through a Western Junior College Athletic Conference schedule before and knows that every game is tough, especially against rivals such as Howard College.

The Chaps will look to Nurse's guidance and experience at 7:45 p.m. today at Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum when the Chaps (17-2, 3-0) face the No. 8 Hawks (15-2, 3-0) in a key WJCAC game.

But leave it to Mr. Calm, Cool and Collected to not make much out of tonight's rivalry game against the Hawks.

"I guess it is a rivalry, but it is just another conference game and we're just trying to get the win," Nurse said. "That's all I care about. I'm not really worried about all the hype."

Nurse doesn't have time to worry about any rivalry or hype, that's for sure. He believes that as a point guard, he's got enough responsibility in making sure this team is as successful it can be. He said it's important for him to be a good leader both on and off the court and make sure the other guys are in position to make plays.

Hodge, though, said he would like to see Nurse shoot the ball more because the 6-foot-1 product from Vancouver, British Columbia, is a solid shooter and the Chaps' need more offensive production.

"He was a guy last year that shot a very high percentage, and this year we've asked him to shoot more and maybe shoot a little lower of a percentage, which he's done that," said Hodge about Nurse, who's averaging 8.9 points per game, up more than three points from last year's average. "He's a pure point guard, so it's natural for him to get others involved. It's more forced for him to look at the scoreboard, but he shoots the ball really well, and that's what his team needs him to do a little bit more. Whereas last year, we had Darrell (Williams), Brockeith (Pane), Kenny Moore, Jonathon Simmons, and whatever he gave us was a bonus."

Nurse, who is being recruited by schools such as Creighton, Santa Clara, San Diego, Sam Houston State and Southern Illinois, seems to be the kind of player that will do whatever it takes for this team to be successful. He's especially motivated after the Chaps came up

Please see **NURSE**/2C

Dominant on defense

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CLUTCH ON DEFENSE Midland College's Titania Simmons (22) guards Howard College's Twyla Ards (10) on Dec. 3 during the Women WJCAC Pre Confrence Tournament at the Chaparral Center.

MC's Simmons key factor in Lady Chaps' success

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Titania Simmons knows that she doesn't have to score to help the Midland College women's basketball team win.

Because of that, the 5-foot-11 sophomore guard from Lawton, Okla., may go unnoticed at times because she's not one of the scoring leaders. But those that follow basketball also know that there's more to the game than just scoring. Simmons takes pride that her defensive play on the floor can also be a huge factor.

"One thing I really focus on is the defense," she said. "I think that's a big key to every game. I try to have a lot energy and I focus on my girl and help on defense."

Her defensive play might prove to be a key tonight as the sixth-ranked Lady Chaparrals (18-3, 3-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) travel to Big Spring to face Howard College (15-4, 1-1), a team that comes in ranked eighth in the NJCAA with 52.8 points per game allowed.

MC coach Ron Jones expects another close game with the Hawks and added that the key for either team is which can get the easier baskets. MC has been pretty tough defensively in WJCAC games, allowing just 61.6 points per contest.

"I've been really happy with our preparation, our energy and our defense," Jones said. "I don't know if a coach is ever happy with offense because there are so many mistakes and you always feel you can do better, but if we're defending and rebounding and playing really hard, we know we've got a chance to be successful each night."

And one of the things he's noticed about the defensive play is the way Simmons tends to shut down her opponent.

"She's a long, athletic guard, who when you watch as much video as we do, you notice the person she's guarding doesn't shoot that often just because she's there," Jones said. "She's never out of position and there's a lot to be said for that. A lot of people don't notice that as much

"She's one of those players that we always expect a little bit more offensively from her, but at the same time, she doesn't make very many mistakes and she is just very consistent. She has a good game defensively, she plays hard and she's really solid."

In Monday's 79-62 victory over New Mexico Junior College, Simmons even played with a dislocated right pinkie finger suffered last Thursday at South

Please see **SIMMONS**/2C

Texas reaches $300 million deal with ESPN

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The University of Texas, which already has one of the wealthiest athletic programs in the country, is lining up for even more money.

Texas and ESPN announced a 20-year, $300 million deal Wednesday for a 24-hour television network that will broadcast Longhorns sports, including at least one football game and eight basketball games per season, and other sports and academic content.

"We want to define what it means to be 'the' public university," Texas President William Powers said. "The challenge is to create new sources of revenue to support our mission."

The deal includes Texas' licensing and marketing partner IMG College, with more than 80 percent of revenue set to go to the university. It will not replace existing television deals between the Big 12 and both ESPN-ABC and Fox.

ESPN will handle distribution of the still unnamed network via cable or satellite in Texas and other states, and already has had preliminary conversations with Time Warner Cable and Comcast Corp.

The network is scheduled to launch in September and will broadcast at least 200 Texas sporting events per year. Football will include at least one live broadcast and multiple replays from other networks, the annual spring football scrimmage and pregame and postgame coverage.

"We're going to cover (Texas) football like it's never been covered before," said Burke Magnus, senior vice president of college sports programming for ESPN, the sports media giant based in Bristol, Conn.

Basketball will include a minimum of eight live games and replays of games broadcast on other networks. Women's basketball, baseball, volleyball, soccer and other sports, coaches shows, biographies and highlights also would be broadcast.

Programming will also include some academic and cultural shows. The contract will send least $25 million to academics over the next five years, Powers said. The network will build studio space at Royal-Memorial Stadium and will employ up to 100 people.

George Bodenheimer, president of ESPN Inc. and ABC Sports, called the network "a testament to the school's

Please see **TEXAS**/4C

Lee, Midland boys soccer squads face tough road in tourney

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

Non-district soccer tournaments are as much about improvement as about wins and losses, and as the boys portion of this year's President's Cup begins today, both the Lee and Midland High squads are looking to improve.

To see those improvements, though, the Bulldogs and Rebels will play a slate of games against four teams from El Paso, and if any teams can tell the two Midland squads where they are at it's teams from the Sun City.

INSIDE

Area high school girls soccer teams prep for President's Cup today.

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Over the last two years, it's been El Paso teams that have knocked both Lee and Midland High out of the playoffs, and squads from the far West Texas city typically make deep playoff runs.

"We are going to get tested," Lee coach Scott Hicks said. "Our defense will get tested, and our shooting will get tested. They may not be the biggest teams physically, but they are going to be faster and they are going to be skilled."

The three-day round-robin tournament begins today with the first boys games slated at 4 p.m. at three different venues.

Midland High (0-2-1) will take on perennial playoff squad El Paso Coronado at the Audrey Gill Sports Complex. The Bulldogs will then face El Paso Del Valle. El Paso High, a Region I-4A tournament

Please see **BOYS**/2C

FIGHTING FOR IT Lee midfielder Chase Swezy pushes past Lubbock High's Justin Garza to get to the ball during a game at Grande Communication Stadium on March 3, 2010.

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NASCAR PAGE 8C

Girls set for President's Cup Tournament

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

It's been more than two years since the two girls soccer teams in Midland have played in their hometown in a tournament.

The creation of the 10-team District 2-5A essentially took away the ability of both team's coaches to put together a tournament the first week of the season, and the two squads ventured to other parts of Texas.

But when District 3-5A was reunited last year, that allowed coaches to once again put together a tournament. This weekend the girls portion of the President's Cup will return, and 16 teams, including Lee and Midland High, are scheduled to compete in a round-robin format over the next three days at three different venues.

And as the tournament returns, Midland High coach Kent Rivas said that it has gained more interest in a short period of time than he thought.

"You know what, I've been pleasantly surprised because originally we were looking at 10-12 teams, and it just kept snowballing into more teams," Rivas said. "There are 14 teams besides us and Lee, and we have a San Antonio team who was looking for a tournament and something different. I'm hoping that kind of blossoms."

Other than San Antonio O'Conner, this year's tournament features a number of teams from Region I in both Class 4A and 5A, but more importantly for Lee and Midland High, it's a chance to play a tournament at home and not have to worry about traveling.

Plus, the fact that Grande Communications Stadium is the venue for the Region I-5A tournament has helped in bringing teams in for this weekend.

"The better job we do of taking care of these people coming, and provide a great atmosphere as well they are going to want to come back," Lee girls coach Brian Pollard said. "They do such a good job of putting on the regional tournament the past two years where people are having good experiences and they do want to come back."

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GOOD FOR GOAL Midland High midfielder Lauren Collyer kicks in a Lady Bulldogs goal on March 23, 2010.

Rivas said that as word spread that Midland was playing host to a tournament at last week's Nolan Showcase in Fort Worth, he said he received inquiries from a number of public and private schools looking for good tournaments in future seasons.

"They have so many quality tournaments out there in a 75-mile radius, but as we continue to host the regional tournament that allows for some of those teams that want to travel," Rivas said. "Hopefully, this kind of builds up."

The tournament will begin today with games at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., and will continue on Friday and Saturday. Three different venues will be utilized as Grande Communications Stadium, Lee High School and the Audrey Gill Sports Complex will play host to games.

President's Cup Tournament
Today's Schedule
Girls
2 p.m.

Lee vs. Weatherford, GCS
San Angelo Central vs. Lubbock Coronado, Audrey Gill 1
El Paso Del Valle vs. Odessa High, Audrey Gill 2
Odessa Permian vs. El Paso Montwood, Audrey Gill 3
Amarillo Caprock vs. Amarillo Tascosa, Audrey Gill 4
Lubbock Monterey vs. El Paso El Dorado, Lee High School

6 p.m.

Midland High vs. Lubbock Coronado, Grande Communications Stadium

Friday's Schedule
Girls
8 a.m.

Lubbock High vs. Borger, GCS
El Paso Montwood vs. Midland High, Audrey Gill 1
San Angelo Central vs. El Paso Del Valle, Audrey Gill 2
San Antonio O'Conner vs. Lubbock Monterey, Audrey Gill 3
Odessa High vs. Amarillo Caprock, Audrey Gill 4
Lubbock Coronado vs. Lee, Lee High School

Noon

El Paso El Dorado vs. Amarillo Tascosa, GCS
Midland High vs. Weatherford, Audrey Gill 1
Borger vs. Lubbock Monterey, Audrey Gill 2
Odessa Permian vs. El Paso Del Valle, Audrey Gill 3
Amarillo Caprock vs. San Angelo Central, Audrey Gill 4
Lee vs. El Paso Montwood, Lee High School

4 p.m.

Odessa Permian vs. Lubbock Coronado, GCS
Odessa High vs. El Paso El Dorado, Audrey Gill 1
Lubbock High vs. San Antonio O'Conner, Audrey Gill 2

Saturday's Schedule
Girls
9 a.m.

Odessa High vs. El Paso El Dorado, GCS
Midland High vs. Lubbock Coronado, Audrey Gill 1
Amarillo Tascosa vs. Borger, Audrey Gill 2
Amarillo Caprock vs. Odessa Permian, Audrey Gill 3
Lubbock High vs. Weatherford, Audrey Gill 4
El Paso Del Valle vs. Lee, Lee High School

1 p.m.

Lubbock Monterey vs. Weatherford, GCS
Borger vs. Odessa High, Audrey Gill 1
Amarillo Tascosa vs. San Antonio O'Conner, Audrey Gill 2
El Paso Montwood vs. Lubbock High, Audrey Gill 3

President's Cup Points System

Win — 6 points
Tie — 3 points
Goal — 1 point for each goal up to 3 goals
Shutout — 1 point
■ Tiebreakers
■ Head to Head
■ Goal Differential
■ Fewest Goals Allowed
■ Most goals scored
■ Most number of shutouts
■ Coin flip

Boys

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team in 2010, and finish with El Paso Montwood on Friday and Saturday.

Lee, meanwhile, will take on Class 4A powerhouse El Paso Del Valle at 8 p.m. today at Grande Communications Stadium. The Rebels (2-1) will then finish with El Paso High, El Paso Montwood and El Paso Riverside.

Both the Rebels and the Bulldogs have become accustomed to seeing El Paso teams in the opening round of the playoffs as part of District 2-5A, and both teams suffered first round playoff defeats.

In fact, 2-5A teams were 0-8 in first round playoff games in 2009 and 2010 against El Paso teams.

Even though the games this week don't mean much beyond a win and a loss, Midland High coach Warren Cottle said they will provide the type of competition needed to get ready for the 3-5A season and the playoffs.

"We expect to increase our performance, and every time we play to get better," Cottle said. "I didn't set up the schedule to be easy. I'm trying to get our team prepared for district and beyond, and I wanted to make sure those guys were going against the best."

Games this weekend in the tournament will be contested at the Audrey Gill Sports Complex, Grande Communications and Midland High. Also, a points system will be used to determine a tournament winner as each team will play four games.

President's Cup Tournament
Today's Schedule
Boys
4 p.m.

Odessa Permian vs. El Paso High, GCS
Midland High vs. El Paso Coronado, Audrey Gill 1
Abilene High vs. El Paso Montwood, Audrey Gill 2
Amarillo High vs. El Paso Riverside, Audrey Gill 3
El Paso Hanks vs. Amarillo Tascosa, Audrey Gill 4
Lubbock Monterey vs. Odessa High, Lee High School

6 p.m.

Lee vs. El Paso Del Valle, GCS

Friday's Schedule
Boys
10 a.m.

El Paso Hanks vs. Amarillo High, GCS
El Paso Del Valle vs. Midland High, Audrey Gill 1
Odessa Permian vs. El Paso Montwood, Audrey Gill 2
El Paso Riverside vs. Abilene High, Audrey Gill 3
Amarillo Tascosa vs. Odessa High, Audrey Gill 4
El Paso High vs. Lee, Lee High School

2 p.m.

Abilene High vs. El Paso Hanks, GCS
El Paso Del Valle vs. Amarillo Tascosa, Audrey Gill 1
Amarillo High vs. Odessa High, Audrey Gill 2
El Paso Coronado vs. Lubbock Monterey, Audrey Gill 3
Odessa Permian vs. El Paso Riverside, Audrey Gill 4
Lee vs. El Paso Montwood, Lee High School

6 p.m.

Midland High vs. El Paso High, GCS

Saturday's Schedule
Boys
11 a.m.

Lubbock Monterey vs. El Paso Del Valle, GCS
El Paso Montwood vs. Midland High, Audrey Gill 1
Amarillo Tascosa vs. El Paso Coronado, Audrey Gill 2
Amarillo High vs. Abilene High, Audrey Gill 3
El Paso Hanks vs. Odessa Permian, Audrey Gill 4
El Paso Riverside vs. Lee, Lee High School

3 p.m.

Odessa High vs. El Paso Coronado, GCS
El Paso High vs. Lubbock Monterey, Audrey Gill 1

President's Cup Points System

Win — 6 points
Tie — 3 points
Goal — 1 point for each goal up to 3 goals
Shutout — 1 point
Tiebreakers
■ Head to Head
■ Goal Differential
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■ Most goals scored
■ Most number of shutouts
■ Coin flip

MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL TODAY

Men

NO. 16 MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NO. 8 HOWARD COLLEGE

When/Where: 7:45 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring

Records: Midland College 17-2, 3-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Howard College 15-2, 3-0.

Last game: Midland College 74, New Mexico JC 52; Howard College 68, New Mexico Military Institute 58

Notes & quotes: The Chaparrals are coming off an impressive win despite turning the ball over 23 times and only leading 34-29 at the half. The Chaps were able to get the 22-point victory by holding NMJC to 30.4 percent shooting and getting four players in double figures. Guy Landry had 15 points and 10 rebounds, Rodney Milum had 15 points on 5-of-9 shooting from 3-point range, Ty Nurse added 12 points and Jamaal Trice had 11. "I think anybody that was at the game on Monday knows that the score wasn't indicative of that game," MC coach Ross Hodge said. "I really feel we've had to grind out some games. Defensively I've been happy where we are." ...MC's depth has also been a factor as they've worn out their opponents by playing 10 guys on a regular basis anywhere from 10-30 minutes. ...Depth might prove to be a huge factor tonight as Howard may be down to just five players due to the indefinite suspension of three players because of disciplinary issues. HC had just five players against NMMI and finished with four because of foul trouble. Carlos Emory, a 6-foot-7 sophomore forward, and 6-6 freshman Shavon Coleman each had 22 points, while 6-7 sophomore Corey Stern added 13. ...Despite the suspensions, Hodge expects Howard to be its typical self. "Defensively they're really good," Hodge said. "Obviously they're physically and mentally one of the toughest basketball teams in the country. They do a really good job defensively of swarming to the basketball and not letting you get to the basket and making you kick it out and shooting low percentage shots."

Next: Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, 6:45 p.m. (CST) Monday; Howard College at Western Texas College, 7:45 p.m. Monday

Midland College Men's Statistics
(17-2, 3-0)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Dwayne Davis	19	86	59	78	241	12.7	75	3.9
Guy Landry	15	58	36	55	168	11.2	103	6.9
Jordan Walker	19	71	45	65	187	9.8	86	4.5
Rodney Milum	16	54	15	19	156	9.8	37	2.3
Jamaal Trice	19	64	27	48	180	9.5	66	3.5
*Kamron Johnson	9	31	18	29	82	9.1	57	6.3
Ty Nurse	19	54	38	43	170	8.9	40	2.1
Dwight Miller	19	60	22	29	145	7.6	116	6.1
Darren White	14	42	11	24	101	7.2	37	2.6
Mapok Mapok	19	37	23	46	97	5.1	74	3.9
C.J. Johnson	9	9	7	11	25	2.8	20	2.2
Bobby Hatchett	13	15	9	14	40	3.1	37	2.8
Xavier Jones	15	9	11	18	39	2.1	35	2.3
Marcel Campos	13	5	2	3	14	1.1	14	1.1
Totals	**19**	**595**	**321**	**482**	**1,638**	**86.2**	**868**	**45.7**

3-point goals (127) — Milum 35, Trice 28, Nurse 24, Landry 16, Davis 10, White 6, Jones 3, Miller 3, Campos 2, K. Johnson 2, Hatchett 1

*no longer with team

Men's WJCAC standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland College	**3**	**0**	**17**	**2**
Odessa College	3	0	17	2
Howard College	3	0	15	2
Western Texas	1	2	15	3
New Mexico JC	1	2	14	3
South Plains	1	2	12	6
New Mexico Military	0	3	8	9
Frank Phillips	0	3	8	11

Today's Games

Midland College at Howard College; Odessa College at South Plains; New Mexico Military Institute at Frank Phillips; Western Texas at New Mexico JC

Women

NO. 6 MIDLAND COLLEGE AT HOWARD COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring

Records: Midland College 18-3, 3-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Howard College

Last game: Midland College 79, New Mexico JC 62; New Mexico Junior College 76, Howard College 70, OT (Jan. 13)

Notes & quotes: The Lady Chaparrals are coming off another solid defensive effort against a potent NMJC team as MC held the Lady Thunderbirds to 31.7 percent shooting and also out-rebounded NMJC 54-24. Three Lady Chaps were in double figures, led by Danesha Long with 17, Lindsay Ansley had 15 and Nety Sousa added 14. ...MC coach Ron Jones said his team will have to play solid defense tonight against what he believes to be the best shooting team in the conference. "I think they've got a lot of skilled guards who can shoot it and we're going to get screened a thousand times, so we've got to handle that and try to contest their shots as much as possible. Plus, it's always tough over there," Jones said. ...Howard had the bye on Monday but is coming off a tough road loss to NMJC a week ago. HC coach Earl Diddle said he was disappointed in his team's offensive execution but also said that being that it was the first WJCAC road game, a lack of concentration can happen sometimes. "This is a really important game for us in that we're trying to rebound from that loss to New Mexico," Diddle said. "We have a chance to play a very good Midland team and they definitely have their style of play and know where their strengths lie. Midland is a tough team to beat because they do a good job of recruiting and it's a very difficult team to prepare for because of their coaching staff and personnel." ...Three Hawks average in double figures, led by 5-foot-8 forward Tasha Tubbs with 14.4 ppg, 5-5 guard Twyla Ards is averaging 13.7 ppg, while 6-0 post Taniqua Ards is averaging 12.3 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. ...Diddle said his team is the healthiest it's been all season with the exception of 6-2 sophomore post Jackie Bartleson, who was lost for the year six games into the season with a knee injury.

Next: Western Texas College at Midland College 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27; Howard College at Western Texas College, 5:45 p.m. Monday

Midland College Women's Statistics
(18-3, 3-0)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Danesha Long	21	90	39	58	240	11.4	106	5.0
Jessi Cowden	21	69	30	38	214	10.2	60	2.9
Nety Sousa	21	82	51	72	215	10.2	101	4.8
Lindsay Ansley	21	64	69	89	201	9.6	141	6.7
Tanica Anderson	21	39	88	108	179	8.5	110	5.2
Ornela Bacchini	21	43	39	57	126	6.0	117	5.6
Morgan Schwartz	21	46	25	39	122	5.8	84	4.0
Anitsa Shulha	21	37	19	21	117	5.6	28	1.3
Titania Simmons	21	32	12	18	90	4.4	101	4.8
Denaya Brazzle	19	9	13	22	33	1.7	37	1.9
Traci DeVance	19	6	7	8	22	1.2	29	1.5
Totals	**21**	**517**	**392**	**530**	**1,558**	**74.2**	**1,037**	**49.4**

3-point goals (139) — Cowden 46, Shulha 24, Long 21, Simmons 14, Anderson 13, Schwartz 5, Ansley 4, DeVance 3, Brazzle 2, Bacchini 1

Women's WJCAC standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland College	3	0	18	3
Odessa College	2	0	12	7
New Mexico JC	1	1	15	4
Howard College	1	1	15	4
South Plains	1	2	10	6
Western Texas	1	2	11	10
Frank Phillips	0	3	4	15

Today's Games

Midland College at Howard College; Odessa College at South Plains; Western Texas at New Mexico JC; Frank Phillips is open

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NURSE

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short in the Region V Tournament championship game against Howard College. He said getting to nationals is definitely a team goal, but he also wants to make sure his team doesn't make the same mistakes this season.

"The biggest thing last year we were building bad habits because we were winning so much," Nurse said. "We could get away with doing the wrong thing and still win. But with this team Coach Hodge wants us to fix these problems early so that we peak at the right time. We still have a lot of potential to fill with this team and we haven't really come close to playing our best basketball. That's the exciting part. I think if we can put it all together when it really matters, in the regional tournament, then I think that will help us move on to the national tournament."

With Nurse's help and calm demeanor, the Chaps might reach their goals this season.

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SIMMONS

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Plains College. Before the game, Jones wasn't sure she was going to be able to play but Simmons just taped it up, got on the floor and gave MC almost eight solid minutes. She only took two shots but the one shot she made was a 3-pointer.

As a sophomore, whether it's playing with a dislocated finger or focusing more on defense, she believes that the little things will help the team and the freshmen develop.

"I try to help the younger players and I know a lot of what Coach Jones expects from us," Simmons said. "I've been very pleased with the way we've been playing. We've been improving a lot in each game and that's important that we keep on improving."

Simmons also knows that her team can't rest on past success as she expects for Howard to be tough on its home court. When these teams played in the semifinals of the WJCAC Preseason Tournament in early December, it was a very close game before MC pulled away for a 64-56 victory.

"We ended up being them by (eight) points but it was tough the whole way," Simmons recalled. "We had to make sure we kept our energy up and rebound the entire game. We have to do that again and make sure we extend their guards on defense."

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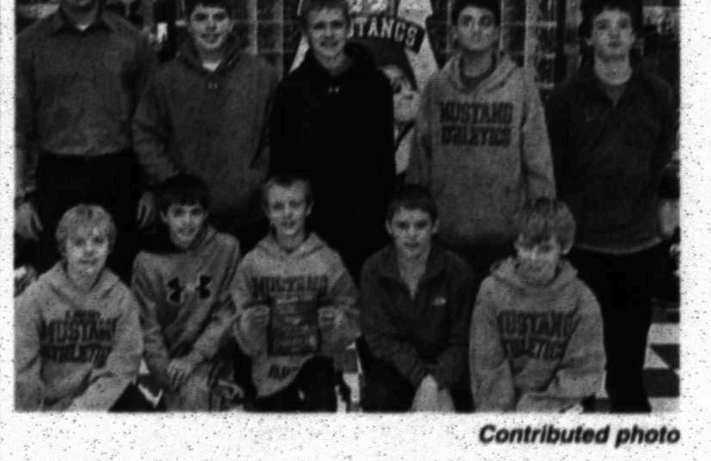
YOUTH SPORTS



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MUSTANGS TAKE TOURNEY TITLE The Midland Christian 7th grade A boys basketball won the Denver City tournament. Back row from left to right, coach Mike Reed, Bryson Breeding, Brett Thomason, Samuel De La Cruz, Grant Little. Bottom row from left to right, Ryne Rogers, Landon Garnett, Casey Hart, Daniel Parkhurst and Brock Smith.

Boxing

DUTCHOVER HEADED TO NATIONALS: Midlander Michael Dutchover is headed back to the National Silver Gloves tournament for the third straight year as he won the 95-pound weight class of the 13-14 year old division at the regional Silver Gloves title in Little Rock, Ark.

Dutchover defeated Alex Jimenez and Joseph Dondrakus on his way to the regional title. Dutchover will compete in the National Silver Gloves Tournament from Feb. 2-5 in Independence, Mo.

Dutchover also wanted to thank Clayton Williams Jr. and Dr. Jubal Reed for helping making the trip to regionals possible.

BMX

West Texas BMX
Saturday's Results

10 Cruiser 1. Ike Weaver, 2. David Prestridge, 3. Kyllar Connally
6 Novice 1. Liam Tapley, 2. Nicholas Simmons, 3. Keagan Connally
8 Novice 1. Anthony Prestridge, 2. Kyler Davenport, 3. Haley Crosby
10 Novice 1. Jax Weaver, 2. Eric Rowley, 3. Bryson Moore
10 Novice 1. Kieran McGrath, 2. Tanner Moore, 3. Krissida Trevino

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NFL Playoffs

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
Green Bay at Chicago, 2 p.m. (FOX)
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
At Honolulu
AFC vs NFC, 6 p.m. (FOX)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
At Arlington
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

NFL Injury Report
NEW YORK JETS — The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT - Definitely will not play; DNR - Did not report; LIMITED - Limited participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice):
SUNDAY
GREEN BAY PACKERS at CHICAGO BEARS — PACKERS: DNP: LB Frank Zombo (knee); LIMITED: T Chad Clifton (knees), CB Charles Jenkins (calf), RB John Kuhn (shoulder), CB Pat Lee (hip), LB Clay Matthews (shin), DE Ryan Pickett (ankle), G Jason Spitz (calf); FULL: LB Diyral Briggs (ankle), CB Charles Woodson (toe). BEARS: DNP: WR Earl Bennett (not injury related), CB Zackary Bowman (not injury related), S Chris Harris (hip); FULL: DT Israel Idonije (thumb).
NEW YORK JETS at PITTSBURGH STEELERS — JETS: DNP: LB Jason Taylor (concussion); LIMITED: CB Drew Coleman (knee), S Jamarcus Hardrick (knee, ankle), CB Danielle Revis (hamstring), WR Brad Smith (groin); FULL: CB Antonio Cromartie (groin), DE Mike DeVoy (neck), WR Santonio Holmes (quadriceps), C Nick Mangold (shoulder), DT Kenrick Ponds (back), CB Marty Tomlinson (shoulder). STEELERS: DNP: S Will Allen (knee), WR Antwaan Baillie (illness), CB Bryant McFadden (tendinitis), S Ryan Mundy (Achilles); LIMITED: DE Aaron Smith (biceps).

2011 NFL Draft Early Entries
The 56 players granted special eligibility for the 2011 NFL Draft on April 26-30 in New York
Garrett Adelson, w, Auburn
Marvin Austin, d, North Carolina
Akeem Byers, b, UCLA
Jon Baldwin, w, Pittsburgh
Da'Quan Bowers, de, Clemson
DeAndre Brown, wr, Southern Miss
Brandon Burton, db, Utah
Jurrell Casby, d, Southern Cal
Jake Clay, rb, Wisconsin
Nick Claxton, d, Georgia Tech
Randall Cobb, wr, Kentucky
Marcell Dareus, dt, Alabama
Tandon Doss, wr, Indiana
Jaiquan Evans, w, Virginia Tech
Nick Fairley, dt, Auburn
Blaine Gabbert, qb, Missouri
A.J. Green, wr, Georgia
Tim Greyley, wr, South Carolina
Lawrence Guy, dt, Arizona State
Jamel Hamilton, wr, Florida State
Jamie Harper, rb, Clemson
Brandon Harris, cb, Miami
Will Hill, db, Florida
Justin Houston, lb, Georgia
Henry Hynoski, fb, Pittsburgh
Mark Ingram, rb, Alabama
Julio Jones, wr, Alabama
Thomas Keiser, lb, Stanford
Mikel Leshoure, rb, Illinois
Doni Lewis, rb, Pittsburgh
Jaiwe Lewis, db, Oregon
Greg Little, wr, North Carolina
Corey Liuget, dt, Illinois
Ryan Mallett, qb, Arkansas
Patrick Peterson, db, LSU
Robert Quinn, de, North Carolina
Stevan Ridley, rb, LSU
Jacquizz Rodgers, rb, Oregon State
Kyle Rudolph, te, Notre Dame
Robert Sands, s, West Virginia
Tyler Sash, db, Iowa
Sebastian Siegel, db, Utah
Aldon Smith, de, Missouri
Torrey Smith, wr, Maryland
Tyron Smith, ot, Southern Cal
Jerrard Tarrant, db, Georgia Tech
Jordan Todman, rb, Connecticut
Shane Vereen, rb, California
J.J. Watt, de, Wisconsin
Muhammad Wilkerson, dt, Temple
Aaron Williams, db, Texas
Ryan Williams, rb, Virginia Tech
Marcus Wilson, lb, Illinois

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	46	30	11	5	65	158	122
Pittsburgh	47	29	14	4	62	150	115
N.Y Rangers	47	21	18	8	50	131	115
N.Y Islanders	44	14	23	7	35	108	148
New Jersey	45	13	29	3	29	90	140
Northeast Division							
Boston	46	26	13	7	59	142	103
Montreal	47	26	17	4	56	118	113
Buffalo	45	26	20	5	57	123	132
Toronto	45	18	22	5	41	114	139
Ottawa	47	17	23	7	41	103	144
Southeast Division							
Tampa Bay	47	27	15	5	59	140	150
Washington	47	25	14	8	58	139	124
Atlanta	48	23	18	7	53	146	153
Carolina	46	22	18	6	50	137	145
Florida	45	21	20	4	46	123	119

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	46	28	12	6	62	158	135
Nashville	46	25	15	6	56	124	111
Chicago	47	25	18	4	54	156	130
St. Louis	47	22	17	8	52	127	125
Columbus	47	22	20	5	49	123	147
Pacific Division							
Vancouver	46	29	10	7	65	152	113
Colorado	46	24	16	6	54	142	136
Minnesota	46	23	18	5	51	117	128
Calgary	46	20	20	6	46	126	137
Edmonton	45	14	24	7	35	113	155
Pacific Division							
Dallas	46	28	13	5	61	135	120
Anaheim	49	28	19	4	56	131	136
Phoenix	47	23	15	9	55	134	127
San Jose	47	23	19	5	51	131	131
Los Angeles	46	24	21	1	49	134	117

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Wednesday's Scores
N.Y Rangers 7, Toronto 5
Columbus 3, Florida 2, OT
Minnesota at Calgary late

Today's Games
Buffalo at Boston, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Washington at N.Y Islanders, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
N.Y Rangers at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S SUMMARIES
RANGERS 7, MAPLE LEAFS 0

Toronto	0	0	0	0	— 0
N.Y. Rangers	3	2	2	0	— 7

First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 12 (Avery, Anisimov) 10:55. 2, N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 18 (Staal, Gaborik) 12:46 (pp). 3, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 13 (Anisimov, Avery) 13:21. 4, N.Y. Rangers, Fedotenko 9 (Prust, Staal) 15:40.
Second Period—5, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 14 (Avery, Anisimov) 11:15. 6, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 15 (Anisimov, Wolski) 14:44 (pp).
Third Period—7, N.Y. Rangers, Zuccarello 3 (Stepan, Wolski) 53.
Shots on Goal—Toronto 8-5-9—22. N.Y. Rangers 14-10-4—28.
Goalies—Toronto, Gustavsson, Giguere. Gustavsson. N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist. A—18,200 (18,200). T—2:24.

BLUE JACKETS 3, PANTHERS 2, OT

Columbus	1	0	1	1	— 3
Florida	0	1	0	0	— 2

First Period—1, Florida, Booth 14 (Santorelli, Kulikov) 2:43. 2, Florida, Stillman 5 (Novak, Kulikov) 8:21. 3, Columbus, Tyutin 4, 18:41.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—4, Columbus, Vermette 10 (Clitsome, Tyutin) 19:07.
Overtime—5, Columbus, Umberger 17 (Clitsome, Nash) 4:06 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Columbus 7-11-17-3—38. Florida 15-6-9-1—31.
Power-play opportunities—Columbus 1 of 3; Florida 0 of 4.
Goalies—Columbus, Mason 14-11-2 (31 shots-29 saves). Florida, Vokoun 16-15-2 (38-35).
A—11,629 (17,040). T—2:35.

Bowling

PBA
Tournament of Champions Standings
Wednesday
At Red Rock Lanes
Las Vegas, Nevada
Fifth Round Final Qualifying
(After 27 games)
1. Tom Daugherty, Bristol, Chapel, Fla., 6,182. 2. Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6,161. 3. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,127. 4. Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 6,121. 5. Bill O'Neill, Southampton, Pa., 6,094. 6. Andres Gomez, Colombia, 6,068. 7. Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 6,062. 8. Jason Belmonte, Australia, 6,060.
9. Mike Fagan, Patchogue, N.Y., 6,052. 10. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 6,031. 11. Norm Duke, Orlando, Fla., 5,970. 12. Robert Smith, Columbus, Ohio, 5,967. 13. Mike Kelsey-nemo, Hartland, Mich., 5,955. 14. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Ocala, Fla., 5,942. 15. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, NJ., 5,940. 16. Jason Couch, Springfield, Ill., 5,937.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	9	.780	—
New York	22	19	.537	10
Philadelphia	17	24	.415	15
Toronto	13	29	.310	19 1/2
New Jersey	11	31	.262	21 1/2
Southeast Division				
Miami	30	13	.698	—
Atlanta	28	15	.651	2
Orlando	27	16	.643	2 1/2
Charlotte	16	24	.400	12 1/2
Washington	12	28	.300	16 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	28	14	.667	—
Indiana	16	22	.421	10
Milwaukee	15	24	.385	11 1/2
Detroit	15	27	.357	13
Cleveland	9	33	.195	19 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	5	.857	—
Dallas	26	13	.667	8 1/2
New Orleans	27	16	.628	9 1/2
Houston	20	23	.465	16 1/2
Memphis	19	23	.452	17
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	37	4	.902	—
Utah	27	15	.643	—
Denver	24	17	.585	2 1/2
Portland	22	20	.524	5
Minnesota	15	32	.238	17
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	31	13	.705	—
Phoenix	19	21	.475	10
Golden State	17	23	.425	12
L.A. Clippers	15	25	.375	14
Sacramento	4	30	.131	19 1/2

Wednesday's Scores
Phoenix 106, Cleveland 96
New Jersey 103, Utah 96
Orlando 99, Philadelphia 96, OT
Boston 86, Detroit 82
Milwaukee 100, Washington 87
New Orleans 103, Memphis 102, OT
Houston 104, New York 89
San Antonio 104, Toronto 95
Denver 112, Oklahoma City 107
Dallas 109, L.A. Lakers 105
Portland at Sacramento, late
Indiana at Golden State, late
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S BOXES
MAVERICKS 109, LAKERS 100
L.A. LAKERS (100): Artest 2-7 0-0 6 Gasol 8-16 1-1 23, Bynum 4-8 2-10 10, Fisher 4-6 0-0 9, Bryant 10-19 7-21 30, Odom 8-14 2-2 20, Blake 3-4 0-0 7, Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Walton 0-5 0-0 0, Blakeney 0-0 0-0 0, Caracter 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 44-81 6-7 100.
DALLAS (109): Pavlovic 5-7 0-0 11, Nowitzki 5-15 6-5 14, Chandler 2-5 2-2 6, Kidd 6-12 0-0 21, Stevenson 0-5 0-0 0, Marion 10-19 2-4 22, Terry 8-15 0-0 22, Haywood 1-3 1-2 3, Cardinal 1-1 0-0 3, Barea 3-4 0-0 7. Totals 44-90 9-13 109.
L.A. Lakers 31 25 17 27 — 100
Dallas 23 29 30 27 — 109
3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 6-16 (Odom 2, Artest 2, Blake 1, Fisher 1), Dallas 8-21 (Terry 1, Bryant 0-2, Walton 0-2, Dallas 12-26 (Kidd 5-8, Terry 4-6, Cardinal 1-1, Barea 1-1, Pavlovic 1-3, Nowitzki 3-5, Stevenson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 39 (Odom 10), Dallas 39 (Chandler 10). Assists—L.A. Lakers 29 (Bryant 10), Dallas 27 (Kidd 10). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 12, Dallas 11. A—20,365 (19,200).

SPURS 104, RAPTORS 95
TORONTO (95): Wright 1-4 2-4 4, Jonson 6-11 1-1 13, Bargnani 6-20 1-1 14, Calderon 6-12 0-1 14, DeRozan 10-19 8-9 28, Bayless 3-7 4-4 10, Davis 2-2 2-6 6, Dorsey 5-10 0-0 10, Games 4-6 2-3 10. Totals 36-92 20-35 95.
SAN ANTONIO (104): Jefferson 3-4 0-0 6, Duncan 3-7 4-5 10, Blair 11-16 5-5 22, Parker 8-16 1-2 17, Gindobli 4-13 14-14 23, Hill 4-9 5-6 14. Neal 3-11 0-2 8, McDyess 4-7 0-0 8, Owens 0-0 0-0 0, Splitter 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-83 24-29 104.
Toronto 23 30 16 26 — 95
San Antonio 22 30 33 29 — 104
3-Point Goals—Toronto 3-8 (Calderon 2-

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2, Bargnani 1-5, Gaines 0-1), San Antonio 6-16 (Neal 2-6, Hill 1-4, Gindobli 1-5, Parker 0-1, Jefferson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 47 (Davis 13), San Antonio 54 (Duncan 12). Assists—Toronto 20 (Calderon 8), San Antonio 23 (Gindobli 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 19, San Antonio 20. Technicals—San Antonio defensive three second. A—18,581 (18,797).

ROCKETS 104, KNICKS 89
NEW YORK (89): Chandler 4-13 1-2 10, Gallinari 4-11 2-2 11, Stoudemire 11-21 3-4 25, Felton 5-14 2-2 14, Fields 3-6 3-3 9, Douglas 5-19 0-0 13, Turiaf 2-3 0-0 4, Walker 0-2 0-0 0. Williams 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 35-93 11-15 89.
HOUSTON (104): Battier 5-6 0-0 12, Scola 5-9 5-5 15, Hayes 4-5 0-0 8, Lowry 8-14 0-0 18, Martin 6-18 7-8 21, Brooks 5-10 0-0 12, Budinger 5-11 3-3 13, Lee 1-4 0-0 2, Hill 1-5 1-2 3, Patterson 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 41-87 14-16 104.
New York 27 23 21 18 — 89
Houston 36 18 22 28 — 104
3-Point Goals—New York 9-24 (Douglas 3-6, Felton 2-5, Williams 1-1, Gallinari 1-4, Chandler 1-6, Walker 0-1, Fields 0-1), Houston 9-31 (Battier 2-3, Lowry 2-5, Brooks 2-7, Martin 2-10, Lee 0-1, Budinger 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 47 (Chandler 9), Houston 53 (Hayes 12). Assists—New York 14 (Felton 5), Houston 21 (Lowry, Martin, Hayes 4). Total Fouls—New York 16, Houston 14. A—15,903 (18,043).

MAGIC 99, 76ERS 98, OT
PHILADELPHIA (98): Iguodala 6-11 7-10, Brand 4-11 0-2 8, Hawes 2-4 0-0 4, Holiday 6-14 3-3 16, Meeks 1-4 0-0 3, Williams 6-17 2-3 15, Turner 4-15 1-2 10, Young 8-15 1-2 17, Battie 1-1 2-2 4. Speights 0-2 2-2 2, Kapono 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-94 23-32 98.
ORLANDO (99): Turkoglu 5-7 2-5 12, Bass 3-11 5-7 11, Howard 4-10 2-8 10, Nelson 7-15 0-0 16, Richardson 2-11 3-3 8, Arenas 1-4 0-2 2, Anderson 8-15 0-1 20, Redick 4-7 3-3 12. Totals 34-75 24-41 99.
Philadelphia 21 27 22 28 6 — 98
Orlando 17 27 19 27 9 — 99
3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 3-14 (Turner 1-2, Meeks 1-3, Holiday 1-3, Iguodala 0-2, L. Williams 0-4), Orlando 8-24 (Anderson 4-10, Nelson 2-3, Redick 1-4, J.Richardson 1-5, Turkoglu 0-1, Arenas 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebound—Philadelphia 57 (Turner, Holiday 8), Orlando 59 (Bass 15). Assists—Philadelphia 19 (Holiday, Iguodala 6), Orlando 18 (Nelson 7). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 27, Orlando 21. Technical—Philadelphia defensive three second. Flagrant—Orlando defensive three second. A—18,846 (18,500).

NETS 103, JAZZ 95
UTAH (95): Kirilenko 2-9 0-3 14, Millsap 3-9 0-2 6, Jefferson 5-9 1-1 11, Williams 5-13 7-7 20, Bell 2-4 5-6 9, Miles 4-12 3-4 11, Elson 2-2 0-0 4, Okur 3-7 2-2 8, Watson 0-5 0-0 0, Price 0-4 0-0 0, Morris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-71 16-22 95.
NEW JERSEY (103): Outlaw 3-11 0-0 13, Favors 5-8 2-3 12, Lopez 6-17 8-11 20, Harris 7-14 0-0 17, Graham 2-5 1-2 5, Alexander 4-6 4-5 12, Petro 0-2 2-2 2, Farmar 3-6 2-2 11, Humphries 5-7 2-2 12. Totals 34-69 27-34 103.
Utah 22 22 19 32 — 95
New Jersey 27 21 29 26 — 103
3-Point Goals—Utah 5-14 (Williams 3-7, Miles 1-2, Kirilenko 0-1, Millsap 0-1, Bell 0-2), New Jersey 8-16 (Farmar 3-5, Outlaw 3-6, Alexander 1-2, Harris 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 52 (Jefferson 12, Kirilenko 8), New Jersey 53 (Outlaw 8). Assists—Utah 20 (Williams 10), New Jersey 25 (Harris, Farmar 5). Total Fouls—Utah 26, New Jersey 22. A—19,254 (18,500).

SUNS 106, CAVALIERS 96
PHOENIX (106): Hill 10-18 7-7 27, Frye 3-7 0-0 8, Lopez 4-9 1-1 9, Nash 3-5 5-5 11, Carter 14-23 1-2 29, Gortat 5-10 3-4 16, Dudley 1-4 2-5 5, Dragic 4-5 1-2 9, Warrick 2-7 0-4 4. Totals 46-88 20-31 106.
CLEVELAND (96): Jamison 9-21 3-4 23, Varejao 4-8 3-4 11, Hickson 5-11 6-7 16, Sessoms 7-15 5-5 19, Harris 3-6 2-2 10, Gibson 6-13 0-0 16, Moon 2-9 0-0 5, Sefolosha 3-6 0-0 6, Szczerbiak 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 40-86 16-22 96.
Phoenix 36 26 28 16 — 106
Cleveland 28 21 28 21 — 96
3-Point Goals—Phoenix 6-19 (Frye 3-7, Dudley 1-2, Carter 1-4, Nash 1-2), Cleveland 9-21 (Gibson 4-8, Harris 2-3, Jamison 2-4, Moon 1-7, Gee 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 51 (Hill, Gortat 12), Cleveland 46 (Hickson 15). Assists—Phoenix 29 (Nash 15), Cleveland 18 (Sefolosha, Gibson 4). Total Fouls—Phoenix 18, Cleveland 19. Technicals—Cleveland defensive three second. A—20,562 (20,562).

BUCKS 100, WIZARDS 87
WASHINGTON (87): Lewis 3-11 2-2 8, Blatche 10-17 3-3 23, McGee 3-6 1-3 7, Wall 3-11 4-4 10, Young 9-19 2-3 21, Seraphin 1-1 1-2 3, Heinrich 2-5 1-1 5, Thornton 1-2 0-0 3, Booker 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 37-73 25-32 87.
MILWAUKEE (100): Maggette 7-18 7-7 21, Ilyasova 2-6 5-5 9, Bogut 3-9 0-4 6, Dodd 9-11 2-2 23, Douglas-Roberts 3-5 0-0 6, Goodwin 4-10 0-0 8, Mbah a Moute 1-2 0-0 2, Boykins 5-10 7-8 19, Brodeur 1-2 2-4 4, Sanders 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 35-75 25-32 100.
Washington 22 22 21 22 — 87
Milwaukee 19 28 28 25 — 100
3-Point Goals—Washington 2-11 (Thornton 1-2, Young 1-4, Lewis 0-3), Milwaukee 5-10 (Dodd 2-4, Boykins 2-2, Douglas-Roberts 0-1, Mbah a Moute 0-1, Maggette 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 45 (Blatche 11), Milwaukee 49 (Bogut, Ilyasova 9). Assists—Washington 26 (Wall 13), Milwaukee 16 (Maggette, Boykins 4). Total Fouls—Washington 21, Milwaukee 18. A—14,007 (18,717).

HORNETS 103, GRIZZLIES 102, OT
MEMPHIS (102): Gay 9-23 4-4 22, Randolph 8-20 1-1 17, Gasol 5-8 2-2 12, Conley 9-21 3-4 22, Young 3-7 0-0 6, Mayo 4-10 0-0 10, Thabeet 1-1 0-2 2, Arthur 1-4 0-0 2, Vasquez 2-3 2-2 7. Totals 42-91 12-15 102.
NEW ORLEANS (103): Aminu 2-12 7-9 11, West 6-15 3-3 15, Okafor 5-9 1-4 11, Paul 14-24 6-6 35, Stojakovic 3-8 0-0 8, Green 3-4 0-0 6, Gray 5-0 0-0 10, Jack 2-5 0-2 4, Smith 1-5 2-2 4, Pondexter 1-2 0-0 3, Thornton 7-10 2-2 17. Totals 39-81 21-27 103.
Memphis 28 25 16 25 10 — 102
New Orleans 18 24 25 25 11 — 103
3-Point Goals—Memphis 6-12 (Gay 2-4, Mayo 2-4, Vasquez 1-1, Conley 1-2, Young 0-1), New Orleans 4-12 (Paul 2-2, Thornton 1-2, Pondexter 1-2, Jack 0-1, Stojakovic 0-2, Aminu 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 29 (Gasol, Randolph 10), New Orleans 49 (West, Okafor, 11). Assists—Memphis 25 (Conley, Gasol, Gay 5), New Orleans 24 (Paul 12). Total Fouls—Memphis 23, New Orleans 16. Technicals—Memphis defensive three second, A—15,951 (17,188).

CELTICS 86, PISTONS 82
DETROIT (82): Prince 6-14 1-2 13, Wilcox 3-6 2-4 9, Monroe 5-6 5-5 13, Stuckey 5-14 4-4 15, McGrady 2-9 1-2 5, Gordon 4-11 0-0 9, Villanueva 4-11 2-2 11, Bynum 0-2 2-2 2, Daye 2-6 0-0 4. Totals 31-74 16-22 82.
BOSTON (86): Pierce 8-15 3-4 22, Garnett 5-14 1-1 11, Bradley 2-4 1-2 5, Rondo 3-9 0-0 6, Allen 2-8 3-5 7, Davis 4-6 3-6 11, Erden 3-4 0-0 6, Daniels 1-4 0-2 2, Dorsey 0-1 0-0 0, Walker 2-2 2-3 6. Totals 34-76 14-25 86.
Detroit 22 23 16 21 — 82
Boston 21 20 18 27 — 86
3-Point Goals—Detroit 4-10 (Villanueva 2-5, Stuckey 1-2, Gordon 1-3, Daye 0-1, McGrady 0-2), Boston 4-14 (Pierce 3-8, Bradley 1-2, Rondo 0-1, Daniels 0-1, Allen 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 43 (Monroe 10), Boston 59 (5 Celtics tied, Garnett 10). Assists—Detroit 20 (Rondo 8), Total Fouls—Detroit 24, Boston 16. Technicals—Rondo, Boston defensive three second 2. A—18,624 (18,624).

NUGGETS 112, THUNDER 107
OKLAHOMA CITY (107): Durant 9-18 7-9 27, Green 5-12 5-9 11, Krstic 4-6 0-0 8, Westbrook 8-16 12-14 28, Sefolosha 2-5 0-0 5, Ibaka 7-10 2-2 16, Harden 2-5 2-2 6, Collison 1-4 0-0 6, Maynor 3-7 0-1 7. Totals 40-83 24-29 107.
DENVER (112): Anthony 12-25 11-14 35, Martin 3-9 0-1 7, Nene 7-8 2-6 16, Billups 1-11 2-16, Afflalo 2-6 2-2 6, Harrington 3-7 0-0 9, Ely 1-1 0-2, Lawson 5-7 1-2 11, Swift 1-4 5-6 8, Forbes 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 42-92 24-57 112.
Oklahoma City 24 31 31 21 — 107
Denver 27 28 30 27 — 112
3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 3-15 (Green 1-3, Maynor 1-3, Sefolosha 1-3, Durant 0-3, Harden 0-3), Denver 4-14 (Harrington 3-5, Billups 1-3, Smith 0-1, Lawson 0-2, Anthony 0-2, Afflalo 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 53 (Collison, Ibaka 9), Denver 44 (Martin 11). Assists—Oklahoma City 22 (Westbrook 10), Denver 22 (Billups 6). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 25, Denver 22. A—16,672 (19,155).

Women

Women's Top 25 Fared
Wednesday
1. Baylor (17-1) beat Kansas, 76-37. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
2. Connecticut (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Saturday.
3. Duke (17-0) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Friday.
4. Stanford (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 UCLA, Thursday.
5. Tennessee (17-2) did not play. Next: at South Carolina, Thursday.
6. Texas A&M (16-1) beat Texas, 80-65. Next: at No. 20 Iowa State, Saturday.
7. Xavier (20-0) beat St. Bonaventure 76-56. Next: at Charlotte, Saturday.
8. UCLA (15-1) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Stanford, Thursday.
9. West Virginia (18-1) beat Marshall 78-21. Next: vs. South Florida, Saturday.
10. North Carolina (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Thursday.
11. Notre Dame (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Sunday.
12. Michigan State (16-2) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.
13. DePaul (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. NJIT, Thursday.
14. Oklahoma (14-3) beat Texas Tech 71-61. Next: at Kansas, Sunday.
15. Maryland (14-3) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Friday.
16. Georgetown (14-5) did not play. Next: at Florida State, Monday.
17. Miami (18-1) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Florida State, Monday.
18. Kentucky (13-4) did not play. Next: at Florida, Thursday.
19. Iowa State (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Texas A&M, Saturday.
21. Wisconsin-Green Bay (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Saturday.
22. Florida State (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Miami, Monday.

Golf

Bob Hope Classic
Wednesday
At p-PGA West, Arnold Palmer Private Course (6,956 yards)
At n-PGA West, Jack Nicklaus Private Course (6,926 yards)
At l-La Quinta Country Club (7,060 yards)
At s-SilverRock Resort, Palmer Course (7,400 yards)
La Quinta, Calif.
Purse: $5 million
First Round

Derek Lamely	29-34 — 63p
J.J Henry	32-32 — 64p
Jonathan Vegas	31-33 — 64p
Boo Weekley	32-32 — 64p
Fredrik Jacobson	33-32 — 65p
Gary Woodland	34-31 — 65p
Rory Sabbatini	32-33 — 65p
Matt McQuillan	30-35 — 65p
Kyle Stanley	33-32 — 65p
John Merrick	33-33 — 66p
Charles Howell III	33-33 — 66p
Shaun Micheel	31-35 — 66p
Peter Tomasulo	31-35 — 66p
Chad Collins	34-32 — 66p
Bubba Watson	32-34 — 66p
Kris Blanks	31-35 — 66p
Ryan Moore	34-32 — 66p
Charles Howell III	34-32 — 66p
Matt Kuchar	32-34 — 66p
D.A. Points	32-35 — 67p
Martin Laird	34-33 — 67p
Jerry Kelly	33-34 — 67
Brendan Steele	33-34 — 67
Brian Stuard	33-34 — 67p
Greg Chalmers	34-33 — 67p
Joe Ogilvie	32-35 — 67p
Ryan Palmer	34-33 — 67p
Hunter Haas	34-33 — 67p
Matt Jones	34-33 — 67p
Tim Petrovic	35-32 — 67p
Jeff Maggert	33-34 — 67
Cameron Tringale	33-34 — 67
Fabian Gomez	33-34 — 67
Chris Couch	34-33 — 67
Jason Dufner	35-32 — 67p
Steve Marino	34-34 — 68p
Brendon de Jonge	34-34 — 68p
Kevin Sutherland	34-34 — 68p
Charley Hoffman	35-33 — 68p
Webb Simpson	33-35 — 68p
Steve Flesch	34-34 — 68p
Brandt Jobe	34-34 — 68p
Steve Elkington	34-34 — 68p
Hunter Mahan	34-34 — 68p
Martin Laird	36-32 — 68
Kevin Chappell	35-33 — 68p
Nick O'Hern	35-33 — 68p
Lee Janzen	33-35 — 68p
Bryce Molder	35-33 — 68
Harrison Frazar	33-35 — 68p
Ben Curtis	34-34 — 68p
Paul Goydos	34-34 — 68p
Michael Bradley	34-34 — 68p
Alex Cejka	34-34 — 68p
Paul Stankowski	33-36 — 69p
Mark Brooks	34-35 — 69p
Brian Wilson	33-36 — 69
Chad Campbell	32-37 — 69p
Brian Gay	35-34 — 69
Paul Casey	33-36 — 69p
Ryan Barnes	33-36 — 69p
Jeff Overton	36-33 — 69p
Stephen Ames	34-35 — 69p
Mark Calcavecchia	33-36 — 69p
Kevin Na	35-34 — 69p
Jeff Klauk	35-34 — 69p
Chris Kirk	35-34 — 69p
Will MacKenzie	37-32 — 69p
Mark Wilson	34-35 — 69p
Bill Haas	34-35 — 69p
Daniel Summerhays	34-35 — 69p
Kevin Streelman	33-36 — 69p
Bill Lunde	33-36 — 69p
Bo Van Pelt	36-33 — 69p
Justin Leonard	35-34 — 69p
Heath Slocum	35-34 — 69p
Matt Bettencourt	34-35 — 69p
Michael Putnam	39-32 — 69p
Billy Mayfair	34-36 — 70
Richard Thatcher	34-36 — 70
Scott McCarron	34-36 — 70p
William McGirt	33-37 — 70p
Tommy Gainey	35-35 — 70
Garrett Willis	35-35 — 70p
Chris Stroud	34-36 — 70p
Brandt Snedeker	34-36 — 70p
Rory Sabbatini	37-33 — 70p
Jason Gore	35-35 — 70p
Blake Adams	36-34 — 70p
Marc Turnesa	35-35 — 70p
Joe Durant	36-34 — 70p
David Mathis	36-34 — 70p
Jamie Lye	33-37 — 70p
Tommy Gainey	34-36 — 70p
David Toms	36-34 — 70p
J.P. Hayes	36-35 — 71p
Bo Kim	35-36 — 71p
TJ Trifilari	35-36 — 71p
Scott Verplank	37-34 — 71p
Vaughn Taylor	35-36 — 71p
Martin Piller	35-36 — 71
Rod Pampling	35-36 — 71p
Scott Stallings	36-35 — 71p
Kevin Stadler	35-37 — 72p
Troy Matteson	37-35 — 72p
Nate Smith	34-38 — 72p
Matt Weibl	34-38 — 72p
Rich Beem	36-36 — 72p
Josh Teskin	35-37 — 72p
Stewart Cink	36-36 — 72p
Kevin Kisner	35-37 — 72
Jamie Lovemark	37-35 — 72p
Joey Rugh	36-37 — 73p
Tim Wilkison	35-38 — 73p
Chris Stankiewicz	38-35 — 73p
Tag Ridings	36-37 — 73p
Jesper Parnevik	38-35 — 73p
Sam Saunders	35-38 — 73p
Zach

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The ability to launch its own network was a major reason why Texas rejected offers to leave the Big 12 to join the Big Ten and the Pac-10 last summer. Those leagues would not have allowed Texas the independence to strike their own deal outside of the conference television contracts.

The size of the contract raises questions whether other schools in the Big 12 will be jealous of Texas' money and whether it could impact the next round of network negotiations between the conference and ESPN and Fox.

"I personally am not convinced that it's the best thing for their conference," said Steve Solomon, a former ABC and NHL executive who now works as a media consultant. "They can't forget that without those other teams, they could not exist. Give them credit that they have that kind of market power."

The contact also raises the question of whether Texas would consider going independent if the network proves successful. The Big 12 will drop to 10 members in July when it loses Colorado (Pac 12) and Nebraska (Big Ten).

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said Texas is not going independent.

"Absolutely no. There's no thought of moving, no thought of being and independent," Dodds said. "We love our conference."

Powers said league officials knew Texas was pursuing a network deal even conference realignment threatened to pull apart the Big 12 last summer.

Texas started researching a network deal in 2007.

Longhorns football coach Mack Brown was excited about the "unbelievable exposure" for Texas sports.

"It will allow fans of college athletics across the country to have access to our sporting events and stories on this campus 24 hours a day. That's something everyone here can be really proud of," Brown said.

Hamilton leads No. 10 Texas over No. 11 Texas A&M

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas-Texas A&M rivalry has been known for gritty games in front of wild crowds.

Few expected the latest matchup to turn into such a laugher, not when these teams looked so evenly matched.

Jordan Hamilton scored 27 points the 10th-ranked Longhorns cruised past No. 11 Texas A&M 81-60 on Wednesday night, snapping the Aggies' 13-game winning streak with arguably their most complete victory of the season.

Freshman Tristan Thompson gave the Longhorns (15-3, 3-0 Big 12) a big boost with 18 points on dunks, jumpers and tough layups before limping off with a leg cramp with 4 minutes left.

"It was fun out there," Hamilton said.

The Longhorns made this one a rout with about 10 minutes left. Texas shot 58 percent from the field and the worst free throw shooting team in the Big 12 was 19 of 22 from the line.

The Aggies (16-2, 3-1) hadn't lost since Nov. 25, but haven't won in Austin in this rivalry since 2002.

"We got punked," Texas A&M's Nathan Walkup said. "We just came out soft."

The matchup produced the rowdiest crowd of the season so far at Texas in what most expected would be a scrappy, hard-fought game. Texas jumped out early and never gave the Aggies an opening to catch up.

Thompson scored eight of Texas' first 12 points, all of them coming on dunks and shots from just a couple of feet from the basket.

The Aggies were frustrated when they were hit with eight fouls in a 2-minute span early in the first half, leaving coach Mark Turgeon in a foot-stomping rage. Turgeon was hit with a technical and Texas made its first eight free throws for a 20-5 lead.

When the whistles finally stopped — or at least slowed down — Texas A&M used a 14-4 run to get within five. Texas closed the half with a 15-4 run, highlighted by Thompson's alley-oop dunk from J'Covan Brown and Hamilton's 3-pointer, for a 39-27 lead.

Khris Middleton was Texas A&M's only real scoring option of the half when he had 12 of his game-high 16 points for the Aggies.

The Longhorns quickly pushed their lead to 17 points in the opening minutes of the second half. Hamilton made a turnaround 3-pointer from the top of the arc and Thompson powered over David Loubeau for a tough layup that made it 48-31.

Nothing seemed to be going right for the Aggies, who struggled to make any kind of a run to close the gap. Ray Turner missed an easy dunk off an inbounds pass that might have sparked a rally but instead bounced all the way back out to the free throw line.

Thompson and Hamilton kept making plays on both ends of the court for Texas.

Thompson's soft jumpers, tough layups and four blocks kept Texas comfortably ahead before Hamilton delivered the knockout punch with a baseline jumper and another turnaround 3-pointer that put the Longhorns up 58-35.

"We were obviously very good tonight," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "It was a really nice team win for us against a great team."

By the time the Aggies showed some life offensively, the game was out of reach. Texas A&M made three 3-pointers in four possessions but Hamilton and Gary Johnson made five straight shots to squelch any chance of a rally.

"We were a half-step slow," Turgeon said. "We got our head down early. That's the first time we haven't competed to come back."

Adams leads No. 6 Texas A&M women past Texas 80-65

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M hadn't lost to Texas in almost four years, so to look up at the scoreboard and see a nine-point deficit with about 15 minutes remaining didn't sit well with the sixth-ranked Aggies.

They picked up their play and pretty soon they were back on top and on the way to another win.

Danielle Adams had a career-high 34 points and 12 rebounds as Texas A&M rallied for its 10th straight win, an 80-65 victory over rival Texas on Wednesday night.

"We just saw we were down," Adams said. "We never like to be down versus Texas, so we knew we had to pick it up."

The Aggies (16-1, 4-0 Big 12) trailed at halftime for just the second time and struggled in the early part of the second half to fall farther behind.

Adams gave the Aggies their first lead of the second half with a 3-pointer with about 11 minutes left that made it 48-45. That shot capped a 14-2 run for Texas A&M in a 4-minute stretch that was aided by six turnovers by Texas.

"I thought we played them pretty well for a good bit of the game, but they really intensified their pressure in the second half, got a couple of steals and it was like a feeding frenzy all of the sudden," Texas coach Gail Goestenkors said. "I thought we lost our poise. We turned the ball over, gave them some easy baskets and then I think they gained a lot of confidence when we turned the ball over in that stretch."

Texas A&M had built its lead to seven before the Longhorns got within four with 6 minutes to go. The Aggies scored seven straight points to push the lead to 72-61 about 3 minutes later.

Freshman Chassidy Fussell scored a season-high 26 points for the Longhorns (11-7, 0-4).

Adams scored in double digits for the 26th straight game to help Texas A&M to its ninth straight win over Texas. The Aggies outscored the Longhorns 40-10 in the paint thanks to the Adams' performance.

"Danielle Adams, we had no answer for her," Goestenkors said. "On the inside, the outside she just pretty much did what she wanted to do."

Adams, who has struggled to improve her endurance played a career-high 39 minutes.

"To be honest, I didn't even know I played 39 minutes," she said. "I looked at the paper and it said 39 minutes and I was pretty shocked. It's just the extra conditioning I've been putting in."

It was a rare close game for the Aggies, who have won each of their last nine games and 12 games overall this season by at least 25 points.

"We haven't had a close game since Duke when we lost," said Texas A&M's Sydney Colson. "This was finally a test for us. Just to get out and be behind we realized we needed to come back out and fix a lot of things."

Fussell, who entered the game averaging a team-leading 16.6 points, had 17 by halftime. She cooled off a bit after halftime and her first points of the second half didn't come until a pair of free throws with just under 13 minutes remaining.

Texas has led at halftime in two of its three previous Big 12 losses and trailed Baylor by just two points at halftime before losing 87-72.

"I feel like its always in the second half where we just lose our focus and fall apart as a team," Fussell said.

The Aggies had a five point lead before Goestenkors received a technical foul for arguing a call and Adams hit both free throws to make it 61-54 with about 8 minutes to go.

Texas was up by nine before the Aggies got a spark off the bench from Maryann Baker. Baker scored, forced a turnover and had the assist on a three point play by Tyra White to start a 9-0 run that tied it at 43-all with about 13 minutes remaining.

"She just makes plays," Texas A&M coach Gary Blair said of Baker. "I thought Maryann was the difference in the ball game with the energy she gave our team and the key plays."

NBA ROUNDUP

MAVERICKS 109, LAKERS 100: At Dallas, Jason Kidd broke out of an awful shooting slump to score a season-high 21 points, and Jason Terry and Shawn Marion provided solid scoring as reserves, helping the Dallas Mavericks end an ugly six-game losing streak.

Kidd made 8 of 12 shots after going 1 of 14 over his previous two games. Terry and Marion scored 22 each.

The club made a similar turnaround, going from five straight losses by at least 10 points each — their worst such stretch since their woeful days in the mid-1990s — to a convincing win over the two-time defending champions.

SPURS 104, RAPTORS 95: At San Antonio, DeJuan Blair had 22 points and 11 rebounds to help the San Antonio Spurs rally from an 11-point halftime deficit for their seventh straight victory.

Manu Ginobili scored 23 points and Tony Parker added 17 for the Spurs, who improved their NBA-best record to 36-6, their best ever after 42 games.

DeMar DeRozan scored 28 points for the Raptors, who lost their fifth straight and ninth in the last 10 games.

The Spurs surged into the lead midway through the third quarter. Tim Duncan's turnaround jumper to open the third got the Spurs off to a solid start, starting a 15-4 run to tie it at 57 when Duncan found a cutting Blair for back-to-back running layups.

ROCKETS 104, KNICKS 89: At Houston, Kevin Martin scored 21 points, Chuck Hayes grabbed 12 rebounds and Houston handed New York its fourth straight loss.

Kyle Lowry added 18 points, and Luis Scola and Chase Budinger scored 13 points apiece for the Rockets, who rode a hot shooting start to their sixth straight win over New York at the Toyota Center.

Amare Stoudemire scored 25, but also gave away five turnovers for the Knicks, who've lost 14 of their last 16 games against the Rockets overall.

NETS 103, JAZZ 95: At Newark, N.J., Hours after owner Mikhail Prokhorov ended their long, drawn-out pursuit of Carmelo Anthony, the New Jersey Nets snapped a six-game losing streak with a 103-95 victory over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday night.

Brook Lopez scored 11 of his 20 points in a big third quarter and the Nets seemed to relax with the trade talk over in winning for only the second time in 13 games.

Sasha Vujacic added 15 points, Devin Harris had 14 points and eight assists and Travis Outlaw had 13 points as New Jersey matched its season high with seven players in double figures.

NUGGETS 112, THUNDER 107: At Denver, Carmelo Anthony scored 35 points hours after New Jersey Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov announced he would no longer pursue the All-Star forward in a megadeal that had been the buzz of the NBA for weeks.

Chauncey Billups and Nene each added 16 points for the Nuggets, who grabbed the lead for good early in the fourth quarter of a game that was close all the way.

Russell Westbrook recorded his fifth straight double-double with 28 points and 10 assists for the Thunder, and Kevin Durant chipped in 22 points.

After months of talks aimed at bringing Anthony from Denver to New Jersey, the Nets' new owner announced that his team was ending the drawn-out trade talks with the Nuggets.

Prokhorov said the talks had become too public, taken too long and had hurt his team, so he pulled the plug on the proposed deal that featured as many as 15 players and three teams.

CELTICS 86, PISTONS 82: At Bosto, Paul Pierce scored 22 points, and Ray Allen hit a jumper with 25 seconds left to give Boston its first lead of the second half against Detroit.

It was the fourth straight victory for the Celtics. The Pistons had their season-high, three-game winning streak snapped.

Shaquille O'Neal had 12 points and 12 rebounds, and Kevin Garnett added 11 points and six boards in his second game back after missing nine with a leg injury.

Rodney Stuckey scored 15 points and Greg Monroe had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Pistons, who led by eight with 8 minutes left but did not score over the game's last 2:43.

MAGIC 99, 76ers, 98, OT: At Orlando, Jason Richardson converted a 4-point play with 17 seconds left, Dwight Howard scored 18 points before fouling out late in regulation and Orlando defeated Philadelphia.

Reserve Ryan Anderson scored 20 to lead the Magic, who survived another slow start and spotty defense with some big baskets down the stretch.

SUNS 106, CAVALIERS 98: At Cleveland, Grant Hill scored 27 points, Steve Nash had 15 points and 15 assists, and Phoenix won its fourth in a row.

Cleveland has lost 14 straight and 24 of 25.

Vince Carter scored just three points for Phoenix, but they were on a huge 3-pointer from the corner with 2:35 left. Cleveland trimmed a 17-point deficit in the second half to three but couldn't get closer and fell to an NBA worst 8-33.

BUCKS 100, WIZARDS 87: At Milwaukee, Keyon Dooling scored a season-high 23 points, Corey Maggette added 21 and Milwaukee dropped Washington to 0-20 on the road.

The Wizards had ample opportunities to open a big lead against the short-handed Bucks early, but squandered a 12-point lead in a matter of 7 minutes in the first half as the Bucks began hitting shots despite missing starters Brandon Jennings (left foot), Carlos Delfino (concussion) and John Salmons (right hip).

HORNETS 103, GRIZZLIES 102, OT: At New Orleans, Marcus Thornton broke up an inbounds pass with 14 seconds left in overtime and then finished a fast break with a reverse layup, extending New Orleans' winning streak to six.

Chris Paul had 20 points and 12 assists, and corralled the critical loose ball that was tipped by both Thornton and Trevor Ariza. Paul then raced up court and passed to Emeka Okafor, who bounced a pass to Thornton under the hoop.

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TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

UAB 67, SOUTHERN METHODIST 53: At Birmingham, Jamarr Sanders scored 22 points to lead Alabama-Birmingham over Southern Methodist 67-53 on Wednesday night.

Sanders was 4 of 10 from 3-point range as the Blazers made 8 of 24 (33.3 percent) for their second win in a row.

Cameron Moore added a double-double for UAB (13-4, 3-1 Conference USA) with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Aaron Johnson chipped in 14 points and Ovie Soko added 12 points for the Blazers.

UAB made 7 of 16 from behind the arc in the first half (43.8 percent) to lead 34-25 at halftime. The Blazers then shot 54.5 percent from the field in the second half (12 of 22), while holding the Mustangs to 10-of-27 shooting (37 percent), including 1 of 7 form 3-point range (14.3 percent) in the final 20 minutes.

Papa Dia had a double-double for SMU (10-8, 1-3) with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Rodney Clinkscales also had 16 points for the Mustangs.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON 70, TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI 49: At Arlington, Bo Ingram scored 16 points, making 7 of 9 from the field, to lead Texas-Arlington over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 70-49 on Wednesday night.

The Mavericks (8-9, 2-2 Southland) were trailing 30-27 at halftime, but went on a 19-3 run midway through the second half to take control for good. The final score was the Mavericks' largest lead.

Cameron Catlett added 13 points for Texas-Arlington while Armani Williams and LaMarcus Reed scored 11 each.

Demond Watt finished with game highs of 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Islanders (6-12, 1-3).

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi kept it close during the first half and even led by four points early in the second, but they finished with just 32.1 percent shooting from the field.

TEXAS STATE 95, SAM HOUSTON STATE 91: At San Marcos, Ryan White finished with 22 points and 11 assists and Texas State rallied to beat Sam Houston State 95-91 Wednesday night.

J.B. Conley added 19 points, Travis Jones had 15, Cameron Johnson 14 and Uriel Segura 12 for the Bobcats (7-10, 2-1 Southland), who outscored the Bearkats 18-8 in the final five minutes.

Gilberto Clavell scored 26 points to lead Sam Houston State (9-8, 2-2), Josten Crow had 23 and Marcus Williams 12.

Texas State trailed 49-45 at intermission and was down 83-77 with 5:24 to play after a free throw by Williams before taking the lead on a Travis Jones' 3-pointer with 3:48 remaining.

The Bobcats held on from there for their fourth win in five games.

Women

NO. 14 OKLAHOMA 71, TEXAS TECH 61: At Norman, the wins aren't easy but they just keep coming for No. 14 Oklahoma.

Aaryn Ellenberg scored 24 points and hit four 3-pointers to lead a second-half charge as the Sooners overcame a third straight poor shooting performance to beat Texas Tech 71-61 Wednesday night and remain tied for first place in the Big 12.

The Sooners (14-3, 4-0 Big 12) shot only 32 percent but won for the third straight time despite making less than one-third of their shots.

NO. 1 BAYLOR 76, KANSAS 37: At Lawrence, Brittney Griner had 22 points, 15 rebounds and five blocks, leading No. 1 Baylor to a 76-37 rout of badly overmatched Kansas on Wednesday night.

The 6-foot-8 Griner and the Lady Bears (17-1, 4-0 Big 12) dominated start to finish, scoring the game's first 11 points and racing to a 30-7 lead with about 9 minutes remaining in a lopsided first half. Freshman Odyssey Sims had 21 points on 8 of 11 shooting for the Lady Bears, whose only loss remains to then-No. 1 Connecticut.

Baylor, running its winning streak to 14 straight, had 55 rebounds to just 25 for Kansas (14-4, 1-3). In their 17 previous outings, the Jayhawks had outrebounded opponents an average of 8.2 per game.

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Sockers head to MLS camp

From staff reports

West Texas United Sockers players Dominic Furness and Ben Everson have been invited to participate in training camp with the San Jose Earthquakes next week.

The camp for the Major League Soccer club is scheduled for Jan. 24-27 in San Jose.

Both Furness and Everson have played for the Sockers since their inaugural season in 2009, and the two also play soccer at West Texas A&M University.

Everson has played in a total of 12 games for the Sockers, totaling seven goals.

Furness has played in 28 regular season games for West Texas United, and has three goals and five assists. Last fall, Furness led West Texas A&M in goals with 10 and he also had five assists.

Jackalopes fall to Arizona

From staff reports

PRESCOTT VALLEY, Ariz. — A late comeback by the Odessa Jackalopes fell short in a 5-3 loss to Arizona on Wednesday.

Arizona scored two goals in the first period and three more in the third to put the game away.

Dominic Leveille got the Jacks on the board with a power play goal in the second period.

After Arizona took a 4-1 lead early in the third period, the Jacks pulled to within a goal with a score by Jeff Pierce and a penalty shot goal by Leveille.

But Arizona's Patrick Schafer capped off the scoring with an empty net goal with 9 seconds remaining in the game.

Cowboys officially tab Rob Ryan to lead defense

Associated Press

DALLAS — Rob Ryan is officially the new defensive coordinator of the Dallas Cowboys.

The Cowboys announced Ryan's hiring in an e-mail Wednesday.

Ryan agreed last weekend to take the job after an extensive interview Friday with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and new head coach Jason Garrett.

Ryan is the son of former NFL head coach Buddy Ryan and the twin brother of New York Jets head coach Rex Ryan. Dallas is scheduled to play the Jets next season.

Rob Ryan spent the past two seasons as defensive coordinator in Cleveland, which fired coach Eric Mangini after the season. Ryan had interviewed for Carolina's head coaching job before Ron Rivera was hired there.

Wade Phillips was head coach and defensive coordinator for the Cowboys until being fired midway through last season. Phillips has since become defensive coordinator for the Houston Texans.

Defensive line coach Paul Pasqualoni was defensive coordinator the rest of the season after Phillips was fired. Pasqualoni left the Cowboys last week to become head coach at the University of Connecticut.

Ryan has coached in the NFL for 13 seasons, including five seasons as defensive coordinator for the Oakland Raiders (2004-08) before going to Cleveland.

His first NFL job was as a defensive backs coach for his father in Arizona in 1994 and 1995. He was the linebackers coach for the New England Patriots from 2000-03, when he was part of two Super Bowl championship teams.

The 48-year-old Ryan played college ball at Southwestern Oklahoma State, where he and his brother were defensive ends. They were on opposite sidelines in November, when Rex Ryan's Jets beat the Browns 26-20 in overtime.

With players on Hill, union leader goes to Goodell

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and union executive director DeMaurice Smith spoke face-to-face in New York on Wednesday, while more than a dozen current or former players were on Capitol Hill for face time with lawmakers and congressional staffers.

Union spokesman George Atallah characterized Wednesday's session between Goodell and Smith as "an effort to advance the bargaining," rather than a formal negotiating session toward a new labor contract. Atallah would not discuss the substance of the meeting in any detail.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello declined to comment via e-mail — and, indeed, would not even confirm that the two leaders were meeting.

The league and union acknowledged last week that they have not held a large-group bargaining session since November. The present collective bargaining agreement — it was agreed to in 2006, but owners activated an opt-out clause — expires in early March, and the union expects owners to lock out the players.

At an owners' meeting in Atlanta on Tuesday, Goodell complained that "there's not enough communication" between the sides. Also in Atlanta, Jeff Pash, the league's lead labor negotiator, took a swipe at the union by saying: "If our focus is going to be on litigating, on decertification, on meetings in Washington, on media events, it will be hard to get a deal done."

The union has held team-by-team votes to approve decertification, which would allow the players to file an antitrust lawsuit against the league if there is a lockout. The union also has filed two claims with a special master — one accuses the league of improperly assuring itself of TV revenues even if there are no games played next season; the other accuses teams of collusion in conspiring to restrict players' salaries last offseason.

On Wednesday, 13 current NFL players and three former players headed to the Hill, trading in helmets, pads, uniforms and cleats for pinstriped suits, colorful ties and leather shoes.

"The players are aware that the antitrust exemptions exist as a gift from Congress. The players are aware that the NFL has nonprofit status that's been given as a gift from Congress. So, look, we're not asking for anything. The players have been clear about that," said Atallah, the union spokesman. "Every business in America, especially a $9 billion industry, has a presence on the Hill. This is not negotiating through Congress. This is just players and employees sharing their issues with people that should care."

Joe Briggs, the union's counsel for public policy and government relations, wanted to make clear: "We're not asking for members of Congress to get involved in this fight at all."

The union has made previous trips to the Capitol, bringing players around to offices for meet-and-greet sessions.

Arizona Cardinals running back Jason Wright sounded, well, just happy to be there.

Calling Wednesday's visit to Congress "a neat little trip," Wright explained: "We're not here to accomplish anything; we're here to meet people."

Before players dropped by his office, Rep. Lamar Smith, a Texas Republican who is the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, released a statement making it clear he doesn't think lawmakers should get involved with the NFL labor talks.

"That is a business dispute," the statement said. "The owners and players are both literally and figuratively big boys and do not need Congress to referee every dispute for them."

Nadal breezes into 3rd round at Australia Open

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Rafael Nadal extended his Grand Slam winning streak to 23 matches with a 6-2, 6-1, 6-1 win over American qualifier Ryan Sweeting to reach the third round of the Australian Open.

The top-ranked Nadal is aiming to be the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to hold all four Grand Slam titles at the same time.

He's conceded only four games en route to the third round, sealing his win over Sweeting on Thursday with another of his rifling forehands.

After retiring with an injury in the quarterfinals at the last Australian Open, Nadal rebounded to win the French, Wimbledon and U.S. Open.

Nadal hit some shots that Sweeting could barely believe, including an ace to finish the first set and forehand on set point in the second when the Spaniard's curling shot caught the baseline for the winner. Sweeting challenged the call as he walked off, but the call stood.

The only hint of anything other than complete domination for Nadal came in the third set, when Sweeting broke serve in the fifth game and then had game points to bring it back to 4-2 in a game that went to deuce five times. Again, Nadal held on to convert a break and served out in the next game.

"I feel good. Today the serve started to work much better," Nadal said. "Only one (bad) moment, when the sun came in my eyes," Nadal said. "It was a positive victory for me, an important victory."

All the coverage of his "Rafa Slam" had no influence on Nadal's mindset.

"No, for sure, it's not a distraction," he said. "It's the last thing I'm thinking about right now. I'm trying to find my best level."

Super Bowl crowd in Texas could surpass 100,000

Associated Press

DALLAS — Super Bowl attendance could surpass 100,000 for the first time in 24 years when $1.3 billion Cowboys Stadium debuts as host on Feb. 6.

Not all of those fans will have seats, or even be able to see the game in front of them. Still, the NFL says it will count "several thousand" Cowboys season ticket holders who pay $200 each to watch on TV from an outdoor plaza on the east end of the stadium in suburban Arlington.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said Wednesday the plaza plan was a first for the Super Bowl, as was the league's intention to sell 350 standing-room-only tickets, presumably for areas on stair cases with good views of the field.

"We have never done this before in part because other host stadiums did not have the structure in place," McCarthy wrote in an e-mail. "Fans without tickets were not permitted on stadium grounds."

An estimated 93,000 fans will be inside the stadium. The last Super Bowl with more than 100,000 fans was in 1987 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. The record of 103,985 was set in 1980, also at the Rose Bowl.

The final number of seats inside the stadium and plaza tickets won't be known until closer to the game, McCarthy said.

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones made no secret of his desire to set a Super Bowl record when the stadium opened a year and a half ago, although the issue was out of his hands since the NFL makes all decisions regarding game operations.

Since then, the Cowboys set the NFL record for a regular season game when 105,121 watched the visiting New York Giants play Dallas. A year ago, the NBA All-Star game drew 108,713, the most ever for a basketball game.

Those records were set thanks to triple-deck plazas above each end zone, where standing-room-only fans were free to roam and watch from railings above the last row of seats. Those areas have been filled by temporary seating for the Super Bowl, boosting capacity above the stadium's standard of 80,000.

THURSDAY AT THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $24.7 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Second Round

Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, def. Benjamin Becker, Germany, 6-3, 6-0, 3-6, 7-6 (3).

Milos Raonic, Canada, def. Michael Llodra (22), France, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Ryan Sweeting, United States, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.

Women
Second Round

Kim Clijsters (3), Belgium, def. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, 6-1, 6-3.

Flavia Pennetta (32), Italy, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-2, 6-2.

Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 6-4, 6-4.

Shahar Peer (10), Israel, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 6-3, 6-2.

Peng Shuai, China, def. Jelena Jankovic (7), Serbia, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

Simona Halep, Romania, def. Alisa Kleybanova (24), Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Petra Kvitova (25), Czech Republic, def. Anna Chakvetadze, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.

Agnieszka Radwanska (12), Poland, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-3, 6-4.

Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Maria Kirilenko (18), Russia, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles
Men
First Round

Rohan Bopanna, India, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (10), Pakistan, def. Franco Ferreiro and Andre Sa, Brazil, 6-3, 6-0.

Bjorn Phau, Germany, and Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Ivan Ljubicic and Lovro Zovko, Croatia, 6-1, 6-4.

Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes (3), India, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, and Dusan Vemic, Serbia, 5-7, 6-3, 6-0.

Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, and Rainer Schuettler, Germany, def. Simon Aspelin, Sweden, and Alexander Peya, Austria, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

Daniele Bracciali and Potito Starace, Italy, def. Nicolas Almagro and Marc Lopez (15), Spain, 1-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5.

Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram (14), Israel, def. Colin Fleming and Ross Hutchins, Britain, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Michael Berrer and Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Ramkez Junaid, Australia, and Tobias Kamke, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.

Women
First Round

Maria Kondratieva, Russia, and Sophie Lefevre, France, def. Sophie Letcher and Viktorija Rajicic, Australia, 6-4, 6-2.

Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Anastasia Rodionova (5), Australia, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, and Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-2, 6-1.

Derek Lamely shoots 9-under to lead Bob Hope Classic

Associated Press

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Even after Derek Lamely strung together the longest streak of birdies and eagles on the PGA Tour in nearly four years, he realized it's still very early in the Bob Hope Classic.

Lamely shot a 9-under 63 in the first round Wednesday, playing a six-hole stretch in 7 under to take a one-stroke lead over J.J. Henry and Jhonattan Vegas.

Although Lamely finished fiercely at the Palmer Private course, the second-year PGA Tour player knows first-round scores mean little in the tour's only five-day event over four fairly generous courses.

"This is going to be definitely not a sprint," Lamely said after finishing his round under picturesque conditions in the Palm Springs area. "The golf courses are perfect. The weather is just so good. You've just got to go out and stay aggressive every hole. Hopefully you can get hot and make a bunch of putts, and I actually got that going today."

Lamely had five birdies and an eagle in his six-hole run for the best stretch on the PGA Tour since Brandt Snedeker strung together an 8-under, seven-hole roll in early 2007 at Torrey Pines.

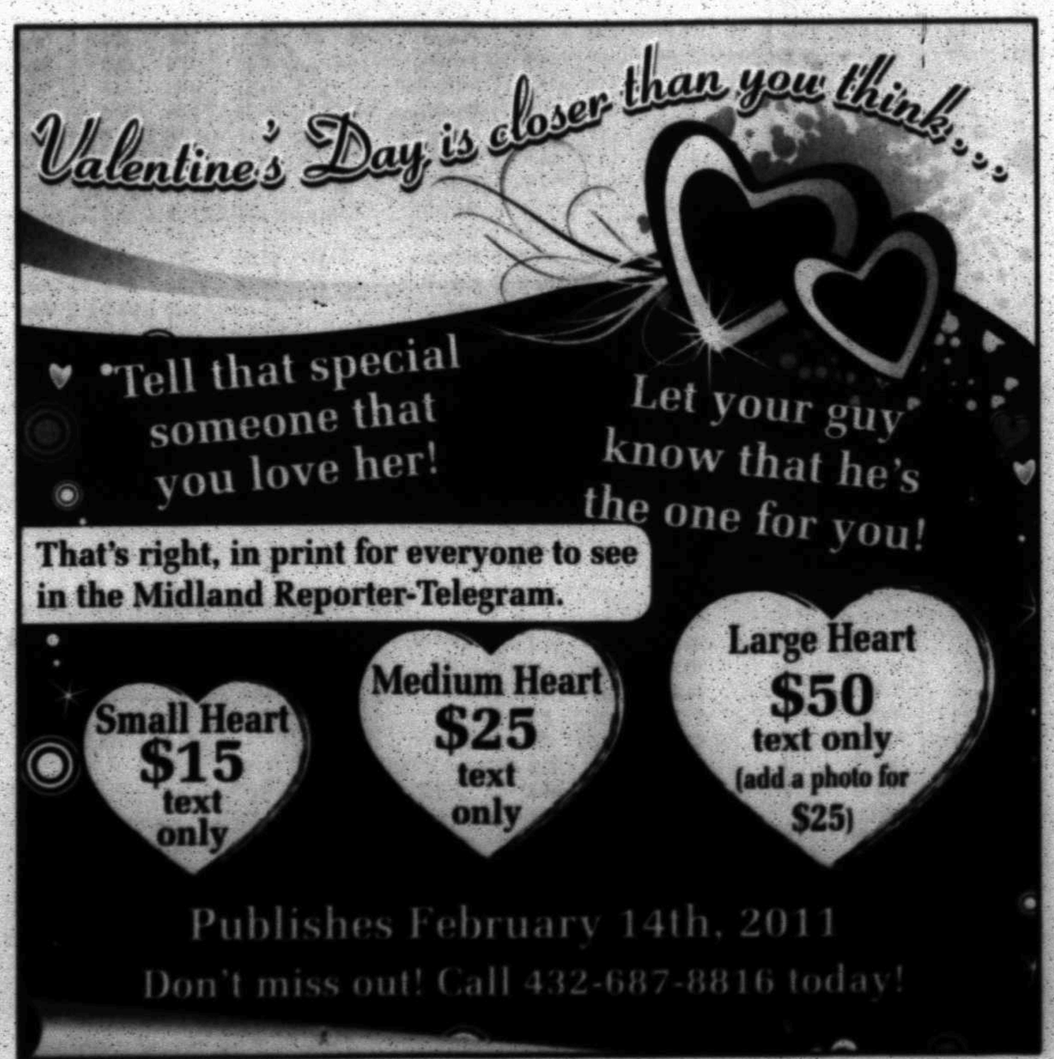
The 30-year-old Lamely was the only American rookie to win last year, although the Puerto Rico Open was an opposite-field event. After making major changes to his grip and swing shortly before winning in Puerto Rico, his biggest goal this winter is to win again in time to qualify for the Masters.

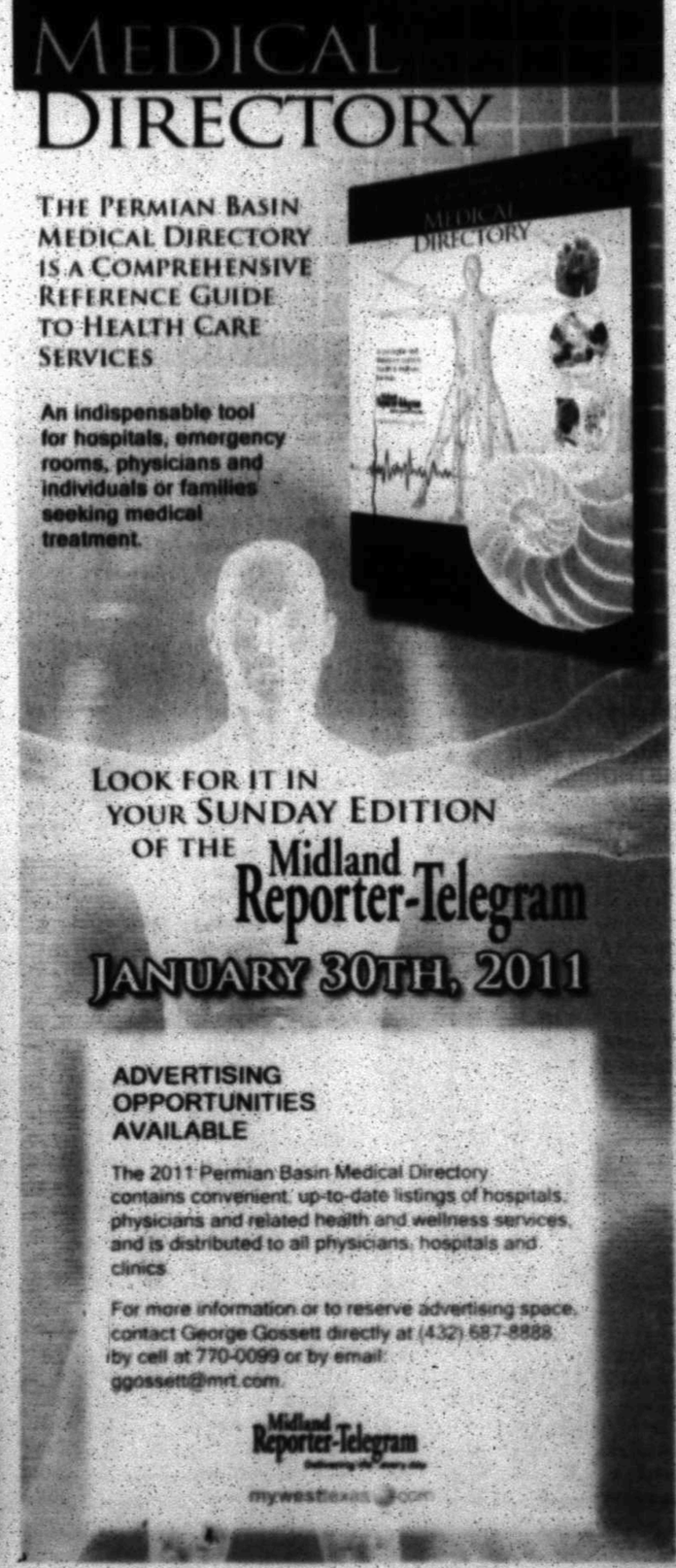
"At the end of last year, I started hitting it good, and I've been hitting it better and better as it goes on," Lamely said. "I keep getting better at the few things I've changed, so it's finally getting to the point where I can think my way around and just make some putts."

Boo Weekley led a pack of six at 65. The group includes Matt McQuillan, who only made it into the Hope field after Donnie Hammond withdrew Wednesday morning.

Henry holed a 132-yard wedge shot on his first hole at the Nicklaus Private course, but didn't get rolling until making six birdies in eight holes around the turn, finishing his season debut with his best round in seven career appearances at the Hope.

"I've probably never been this excited to start the year, both mentally and physically," Henry said. "I really felt refreshed and ready to go. (When) I got on the first hole, I had a perfect number with the wedge.





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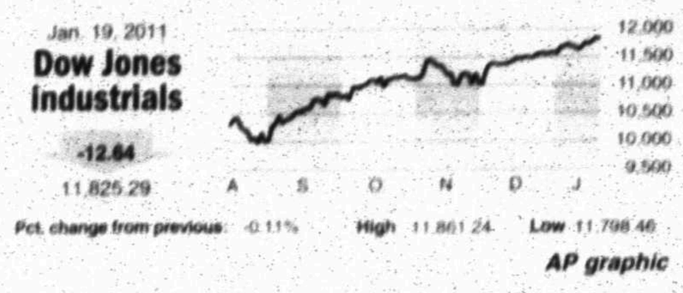

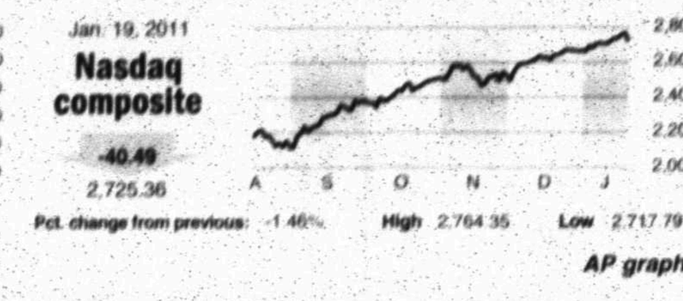

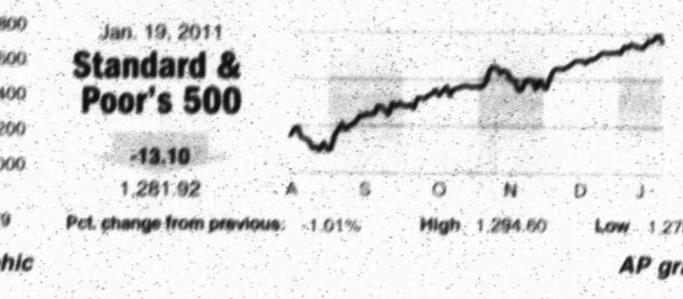

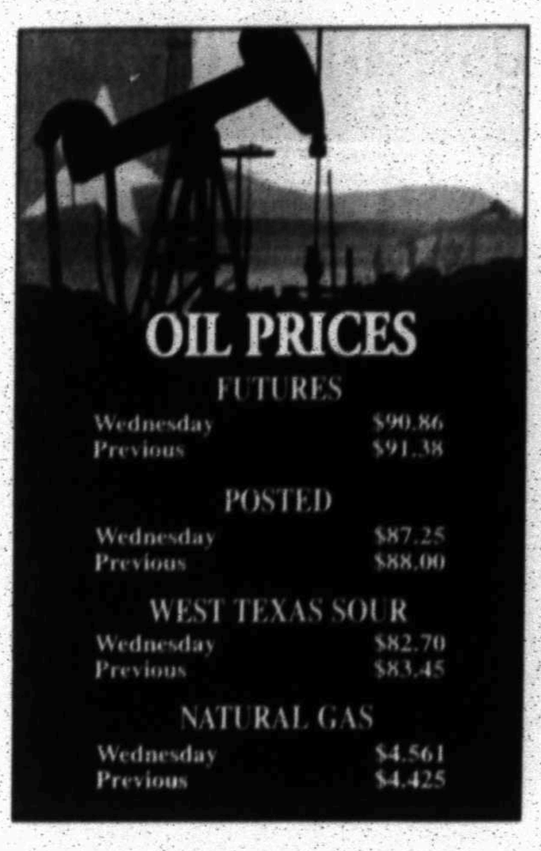

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Patrick Placer with Devin Rental Tools and Steven Pope, with Devin International talk with Tracy Cummins with Weatherford International about a torque drive compact tool (at right) which is part of Weatherford's overdrive system. Officials with Weatherford have announced the company's Permian Basin operations are expected to grow more than 30 percent, both in terms of headcount and in business demand

Basin plays big role in Weatherford's domestic operations

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

The shifting focus from natural gas to crude is benefiting not only operators but the service companies that serve them.

Executives at Weatherford International, in Midland Wednesday to be honored at a Midland Wildcat Committee reception, said their Permian Basin operations are growing as healthy commodity prices spur increased oil drilling.

Peter Fontana, recently promoted to senior vice president and chief operating officer, and Gerald Bushong, general manager of Weatherford's Permian operations, the company's Permian Basin operations are expected to grow more than 30 percent, both in terms of headcount and in business demand. With about 1,700 employees and revenues of roughly $400 million, the Permian Basin accounts for more than 10 percent of Weatherford's domestic revenues. Two new facilities are planned for Odessa and Bushong said consolidation and rebuilding of facilities in southeastern New Mexico are also in the works.

Fontana said he expects growth from the southeastern New Mexico portion of the Permian Basin because of activity in the Avalon Shale and other areas in that region.

The biggest news, Bushong said, is that Weatherford will bring pressure pumping services back to the Permian Basin by the middle of the year.

Hiring, said Fontana, will be a challenge. "For a country with a 9 percent unemployment rate, you wouldn't think it would be a challenge, but that's not the case in the Permian Basin. Here your absorption rate is quite high."

With more than 40 years experience, Fontana said he has been through the industry's up-and-down cycles and terms the industry in recovery mode.

"If you look at the financial meltdown of 2008 and its impact on the industry, not just in the Permian Basin, that financial engine that the industry, that everyone depended on, broke down. We had to absorb that underutilized capacity. We have now turned the corner and have now been in a year of recovery."

While offering the gamut of services from drilling through completion services, Fontana said there are some lines Weatherford would like to add to its portfolio and likely will do so with small, strategic acquisitions.

"We are well-positioned in all the basins of the world and have a big investment in Russia," he said, where officials are focused on being able to export more hydrocarbons to the rest of the world.

Any concerns about the future business climate arise from regulations that may come from the controversy over hydraulic fracturing and ground water, Fontana said.

But, he added, "energy will play such a strong part in the future growth of the global economy," he doesn't foresee any significant regulatory hurdles. Except, he said, for changes to regulations covering the Gulf of Mexico in the wake of last April's Deepwater Horizon disaster. Regulations stemming from that could make oil development more expensive and tighten rules on the security and safety of operating in the Gulf's deepwater regions.

Water issues are also a concern in the Permian Basin, he and Bushong said, that must be addressed. Because the company, in the course of its operations, produces a lot of water, ways must be found to treat, reuse and deal with that water, they said.

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Oil prices fall

Oil prices fell Wednesday after a government report showed the housing industry still has a long way to go to recover.

Benchmark oil for February delivery lost 52 cents to settle at $90.86 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

At the gas pump, prices rose again, to a national average of about $3.11 for a gallon of regular, according to AAA, Wright Express and the Oil Price Information Service. That's nearly 13 cents more than a month ago and 37 cents more than a year ago.

Natural gas prices rose as icy weather blanketed much of the country and forecasters said very cold temperatures may be around into the middle of next month. Natural gas for March delivery added 13.6 cents to settle at $4.561 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In other Nymex trading in February contracts, heating oil rose 1.03 cents to settle at $2.6562 a gallon, and gasoline gained 0.24 cent to settle at $2.4816 a gallon.

Dollar falls

The dollar fell to a nearly two-month low against the euro Wednesday because of investor hopes for more decisive action to combat the eurozone debt crisis. Meanwhile, housing data in the U.S. showed a troubled real estate market.

The euro traded as high as $1.3538, its strongest point since Nov. 23, before slipping back to $1.3465 during late trading Wednesday. It was worth $1.3392 late Tuesday.

The dollar fell to as low as 6.5819 yuan earlier on Wednesday.

Gold for February delivery gained $2 to settle at $1,370.20 an ounce

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	6469975	4.76	.04
BkofAm	2400170	14.37	-.63
S&P500ETF	1367913	128.25	+1.27
SPDR Fncl	1116407	16.25	.37
FordM	686195	17.90	.80

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iP SERDK	38.10	+4.21	+12.4
Bitauto h	10.44	+1.08	+11.5
CSVS2xVxS	46.65	+4.57	+10.8
BarcShtD	22.32	+2.04	+10.0
C TrCVOL	54.49	+4.13	+8.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MGIC	9.26	-2.39	-20.5
PMI Grp	3.29	-.70	-17.5
RadianGrp	8.19	-1.45	-15.0
AmrRtty	7.01	-1.19	-14.5
AIG wt wi	15.50	-2.37	-13.3

Diary

Advanced	696
Declined	2,353
Unchanged	90
Total issues	3,138
New Highs	188
New Lows	21
Volume	4,784,276,589

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChinaShen	63534	6.61	-1.50
DenisnM g	62881	3.41	.14
SamsO&G	62788	2.05	-.22
NA Pall g	52491	7.63	.11
NovaGld g	43560	13.80	-.23

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OtonEngy	3.90	+.34	+9.6
HeralSNB	2.39	+.21	+9.6
Gainsco	6.98	+.59	+9.3
PernixTh	6.55	+.65	+8.2
TroTch	5.00	+.35	+7.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinaShen	6.61	-1.50	-18.5
Inuvo rs	3.31	-.57	-14.7
PyramidOil	5.84	-.81	-12.2
ChemtreeEn	6.54	-.75	-10.3
SamsO&G	2.05	-.22	-9.7

Diary

Advanced	133
Declined	354
Unchanged	32
Total issues	519
New Highs	12
New Lows	7
Volume	182,804,284

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQQ	771830	56.51	.65
Cisco	528918	20.82	.40
Microsoft	494526	28.47	-.19
MicronT	426329	9.37	-.29
Intel	424192	21.01	-.07

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GenetecT h	4.88	+1.49	+44.3
Icagen rs	2.94	+.67	+29.5
OpexaTher	2.54	+.44	+21.0
Cimatron	4.36	+.73	+20.1
Intellph h	5.94	+.82	+16.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChiCera un	10.26	-4.49	-30.4
LodgeNet	3.38	-.74	-18.0
TESSCO s	13.30	-2.86	-17.7
Pfizer	3.79	-.79	-17.2
Subaye	10.24	-1.98	-16.2

Diary

Advanced	473
Declined	2,214
Unchanged	78
Total issues	2,765
New Highs	146
New Lows	12
Volume	2,096,985,593

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Basic Energy Services (BAS)
Closing Price $16.82 Down 0.67

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $83.32 Down 3.85

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $92.45 Down 2.57

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $32.89 Down 1.35

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.20 Down 0.79

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $9.50 Down 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $18.31 Down 0.39

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AMR	...	...	7.69	-.60	-1.3
AT&T Inc	1.72f	8	28.33	...	-3.6
Abraxas	...	...	**4.34**	**-.32**	**-5.0**
AdamsEx	**.51e**	...	**11.03**	**-.10**	**+2.7**
AMD	...	5	7.93	-.17	-3.1
Alcoa	.12	70	16.06	-.21	+4.4
AlonUSA	.16	...	6.87	-.24	+14.9
Amgen	**...**	**12**	**56.98**	**-.31**	**+3.8**
Anadarko	**.36**	**43**	**76.45**	**-3.20**	**+.4**
Apache	**.60**	**15**	**124.18**	**-3.23**	**+4.2**
Apple Inc	...	19	398.84	-1.81	+5.6
ApidMatl	**.28**	**22**	**15.23**	**+.03**	**+8.4**
ATMOS	**1.36f**	**15**	**33.46**	**-.12**	**+7.2**
AutoData	1.44f	20	48.71	-.25	+5.3
BP PLC	**...**	**...**	**48.20**	**-1.03**	**+9.1**
BakrHu	.60	39	58.74	-.56	+2.7
BkofAm	.04	21	14.37	-.63	+7.7
Bar iPVix rs	...	...	32.18	+1.62	-14.4
BasicEnSv	...	...	16.82	-.67	+2.1
BeaconPw	...	...	.31	+.02	+40.9
BerkHa A	**...**	**1712**	**125000.00**	**-1560.00**	**+.7**
BerryPet	**.30**	**21**	**46.33**	**-.82**	**+6.0**
BkHillsCp	**1.44**	**18**	**30.91**	**-.24**	**+3.0**
BrMySq	**1.32f**	**13**	**25.61**	**-.15**	**-3.3**
BrownFA	**1.28a**	**22**	**67.32**	**-.33**	**-3.0**
BrownFB	**1.28a**	**22**	**67.41**	**-.22**	**-3.2**
CVS Care	.50f	14	34.50	-.51	-.8
Cameron	...	24	50.26	-1.49	-.9
Caterpillar	1.76	32	95.54	-.69	+2.0
Celestic g	...	14	9.53	-.28	-1.8
CntryLink	2.90	12	43.35	-.59	-6.1
ChesEng	.30	19	27.83	+.16	+7.4
Chevron	**2.88**	**11**	**92.97**	**-.38**	**+1.9**
Chicos	.16	17	10.81	-.09	-10.1
Cimarex	.32	14	95.31	-4.07	+7.7
Cisco	...	15	20.82	-.40	+2.9
Citigrp	...	14	4.76	-.04	+.6
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**83.32**	**-3.85**	**-.8**
CocaCl	**1.76**	**20**	**63.42**	**-.06**	**-3.6**
CongPet	**2.12**	**17**	**79.00**	**+.60**	**-1.7**
Comcast	.38	18	23.10	+.32	+5.6
CompPrdS	...	...	26.49	-.15	-10.4
ConAgra	**.92**	**16**	**23.14**	**-.08**	**+2.5**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**92.45**	**-2.57**	**+5.5**
ConocPhil	**2.20**	**11**	**67.77**	**-.32**	**-.5**
CrackerB	.88	14	52.75	-.77	-3.7
Cree Inc	...	29	53.63	-9.08	-18.6
CrosTim	**2.60e**	**16**	**44.18**	**+.63**	**+10.8**
DCP Mid	2.44	56	38.60	-.38	+3.2
DTE	2.24	13	46.56	-.35	+2.7
Dataram h	...	...	1.81	.07	+15.3
Dawson	**...**	**...**	**32.89**	**-1.35**	**+3.1**
Dell Inc	...	13	13.78	-.32	+1.7
DeltaAir	...	12	11.45	-.25	-9.1
DevonE	**.64**	**8**	**82.49**	**-1.53**	**+5.1**
DrSCBear rs	...	...	15.27	+1.07	-2.2
DrFnBear	...	...	8.84	+.52	-6.5
DrxFBull s	...	...	29.23	-1.93	+5.0
Disney	**.40f**	**19**	**39.09**	**-.30**	**+4.2**
DowChm	**.60**	**23**	**35.17**	**-.82**	**+3.0**
DryShips	...	24	5.12	-.13	-6.7
eBay	...	15	29.10	-.35	+4.6
EMC Cp	...	31	24.24	-.47	+5.9
EOG Res	**.52**	**51**	**101.44**	**-1.44**	**+11.0**
EmpDist	**1.28**	**17**	**21.51**	**-.12**	**-3.1**
Energen	.52	14	54.07	-1.40	+12.0
EngyTstr	3.58	36	52.25	-.26	+.8
EnPro	**...**	**37**	**42.05**	**-.42**	**+1.2**
EntPrPt	2.36f	21	42.99	-.47	+3.3
EnCsnTel	.28e	...	11.54	-.03	+.1
ExterranH	**...**	**4**	**24.43**	**-.46**	**+2.0**
ExxonMbl	**1.76**	**14**	**78.24**	**-.47**	**+7.0**
FordM	...	9	17.90	-.80	+6.6
ForestOil	...	24	38.23	-.49	+.7
FrozenFd	**...**	**...**	**4.34**	**-.10**	**-1.8**
GATX	**1.12**	**19**	**33.35**	**-.81**	**-5.5**
GabGloM	**.80**	**...**	**8.38**	**-.07**	**+2.1**
GAInv	**.43e**	**...**	**26.94**	**-.26**	**+.4**
GenElec	**.56f**	**20**	**18.33**	**-.27**	**+.2**
Goltsmith	...	...	4.00	-.31	+65.3
Goodrich	**1.16f**	**21**	**89.71**	**-1.67**	**+1.9**
GtPlainEn	**.83**	**12**	**19.83**	**-.05**	**+2.3**
Hallibrtn	**.36**	**24**	**39.24**	**-.80**	**-3.9**
Heinz	**1.80**	**17**	**48.62**	**+.03**	**-1.7**
Hitachi	**...**	**...**	**56.11**	**+1.49**	**+5.2**
HudsCity	.60	11	12.04	-1.12	-5.5
HuntBnk	.04	...	7.00	-.19	+1.9
iShSilver	...	...	28.08	-.67	-7.0
iShChina25	.63e	...	44.34	+.12	+2.9
iShEMkts	.64e	...	47.49	-.37	-.3
iS Eafe	1.42e	...	59.43	-.41	+2.1
iShR2K	.89e	...	78.53	-2.07	+.4
IntegrysE	2.72	29	48.25	+.02	-.5
Intel	**.72f**	**10**	**21.01**	**-.07**	**-.1**
InterDig	.40	14	48.91	-.80	+17.5
JPMorgCh	.20	11	43.71	-1.04	+3.0
JohnJn	**2.16**	**13**	**62.56**	**+.46**	**+1.1**
KimbClk	**2.64**	**14**	**64.05**	**+.17**	**+1.6**
KindME	4.44f	37	71.90	-.33	+2.3
KindMM	4.44f	83	65.00	-.50	-2.8
LVSands	...	...	46.43	-.75	+1.0
LegacyRes	2.10f	...	29.20	-.79	+1.7
LeveI3	...	...	1.15	-.08	+17.3
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**5.95**	**-.12**	**-5.1**
MGIC	...	...	9.26	-2.39	-9.1
MGM Rsts	...	...	15.83	-.81	+6.6
MassCp	**2.16**	**...**	**31.15**	**...**	**+1.9**
McDnlds	2.44f	17	75.35	+.67	-1.8
Merck	1.52	17	33.91	+.04	-5.9
MeritMed	**...**	**31**	**14.52**	**-.25**	**-8.3**
MexcoEn	...	45	9.50	-.04	+24.2
MicronT	...	5	9.37	-.29	+16.8
Microsoft	.64	7	28.47	-.19	+2.0
MorgStan	.20	11	27.75	-1.00	+2.0
Mosaic	.20	18	76.15	-8.92	-.3
Nabors	...	...	22.44	-.24	-4.3
NatGrid	**7.04e**	**...**	**43.02**	**-.57**	**-3.1**
NGdVanco	.44f	18	58.26	-1.59	+1.5
NokiaOjs	.56e	...	10.28	-.38	-.4
NvMAd	**.99**	**...**	**12.22**	**-.08**	**-6.6**
NvPMI	**.87**	**...**	**12.28**	**+.02**	**-5.9**
NuvPI	**.92**	**...**	**12.50**	**+.10**	**-2.5**
NSTFI3	**.54**	**...**	**12.84**	**+.04**	**-2.0**
NTXQI	**.86**	**...**	**15.43**	**-.46**	**+3.4**
Nvidia	...	62	22.41	-.63	+45.5
OccIPet	**1.52**	**18**	**98.27**	**-.28**	**+.2**
Oracle	.20	24	31.60	+.07	+1.0
PerTech	**...**	**32**	**5.74**	**...**	**+.5**
ParkDri	**...**	**...**	**4.25**	**-.09**	**-7.0**
PetMfl	**.20**	**71**	**20.49**	**-.60**	**-4.9**
PenRE	**.60**	**...**	**13.28**	**-.40**	**-8.6**
Primen	1.37e	16	22.30	-.30	-1.6
Petrobras	1.20e	...	36.83	-.69	-2.7
Pfizer	**.80f**	**10**	**18.32**	**-.06**	**+4.6**
PioNtrl	.08	19	91.95	-1.66	+5.9
PlainsAA	**3.83f**	**28**	**63.64**	**-.70**	**+1.4**
PwShs QQQ	.33e	...	56.51	-.65	+3.8
Praxair	**1.80**	**20**	**92.28**	**-1.16**	**-3.3**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**20.10**	**-.14**	**+3.9**
PrUltSr&P	...	...	22.84	+.43	-3.9
ProctGam	**1.93**	**16**	**65.35**	**+.34**	**+1.6**
QwestCm	.32	51	7.13	-.10	-6.3
RadianGrp	.01	...	8.19	-1.45	+1.5
RAM Engy	...	58	1.74	-.06	-5.4
RangeRs	.16	...	47.64	-.35	+5.9
RegionsFn	.04	...	7.13	-.42	+1.9
Rowan	**...**	**14**	**34.09**	**-.71**	**-2.3**
RoyDShllA	3.36e	27	68.28	-.19	+2.2
SpdrDJIA	2.77e	...	118.16	-.07	+2.2
S&P500ETF	2.37e	...	128.25	-1.27	+2.0
SabinR	3.80e	18	63.52	-1.02	+6.7
SanderFm	**.60**	**7**	**39.98**	**-.26**	**+2.1**
SandRidge	**...**	**7**	**7.51**	**-.37**	**+2.6**
Sapient	**.35e**	**17**	**12.76**	**-.36**	**+5.5**
Schlmbrg	.84	26	86.26	-.50	+3.3
SigmaAld	**.64**	**21**	**63.97**	**-.98**	**-3.9**
SiriusXM	...	77	1.54	-.04	-5.8
Smucker	1.60	15	63.22	-.54	-3.7
SprintNex	...	...	4.28	-.08	+1.2
SPDR Fncl	.16e	...	16.25	-.37	+1.9
SunocoLg	4.68f	9	86.10	-.86	+3.0
Synovus	.04	...	2.83	-.08	+7.2
TaiwSemi	.47e	...	13.53	-.02	+7.9
TeleflEsp	**5.25e**	**...**	**72.29**	**+.24**	**+5.7**
TenetHlth	...	3	6.85	-.19	+2.4
Tesoro	...	24	18.69	-.54	+.8
3M Co	2.10	16	87.96	-.18	+1.9
Trchmrk	**.54**	**10**	**61.07**	**-.33**	**+2.2**
TriContl	**.25e**	**...**	**13.98**	**-.13**	**+1.6**
TylerTech	**...**	**30**	**20.60**	**-.33**	**-.8**
UBWV	**1.20**	**18**	**29.44**	**-1.12**	**+.8**
US Bancrp	.20	17	26.52	-.79	-1.7
US NGsFd	...	...	6.21	+.21	+3.6
Vale SA	.76e	...	36.38	-.70	+5.2
ValeroE	.20	...	24.78	-.79	+7.2
VerizonCm	1.95	...	34.60	+.24	-3.3
VulcanM	**1.00**	**...**	**40.37**	**-.23**	**-9.0**
Walgrn	**.70**	**18**	**41.28**	**-.69**	**+6.0**
WellsFargo	.20	12	31.81	-.68	+2.6
WstnRefin	...	...	10.78	-.90	+1.9
WhitingPet	...	34	120.07	-.50	+2.5
WmsCos	.50	36	26.03	-.22	+5.3
XcelEngy	**1.01**	**14**	**23.71**	**-.07**	**+.7**
Xerox	**.17**	**16**	**11.54**	**-.15**	**+.2**

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk %Chg
11,858.78	9,614.32	Dow Jones Industrials	11,825.29	-12.64	-.11	+2.14	+11.53
5,256.80	3,742.01	Dow Jones Transportation	5,129.33	-92.32	-1.77	+.44	+23.64
413.75	348.95	Dow Jones Utilities	411.31	-.47	-.11	+1.56	+2.94
8,194.69	6,355.63	NYSE Composite	8,104.92	-85.99	-1.05	+1.77	+10.57
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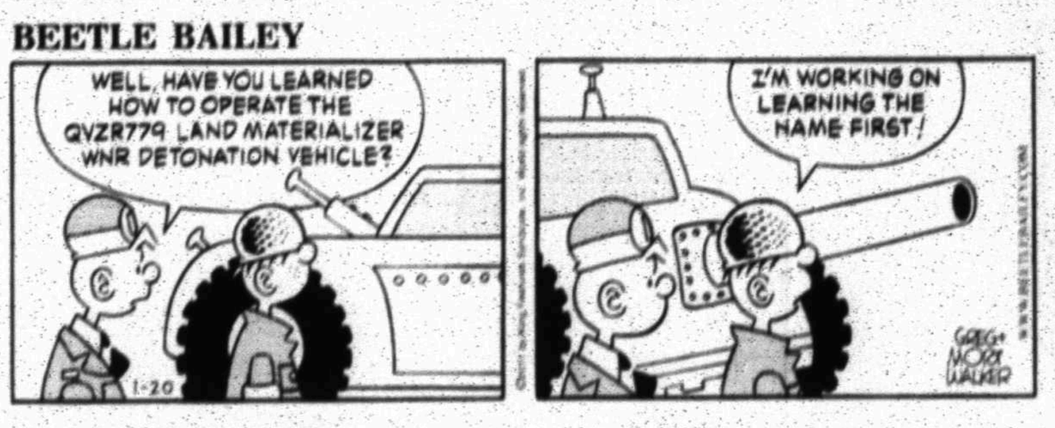

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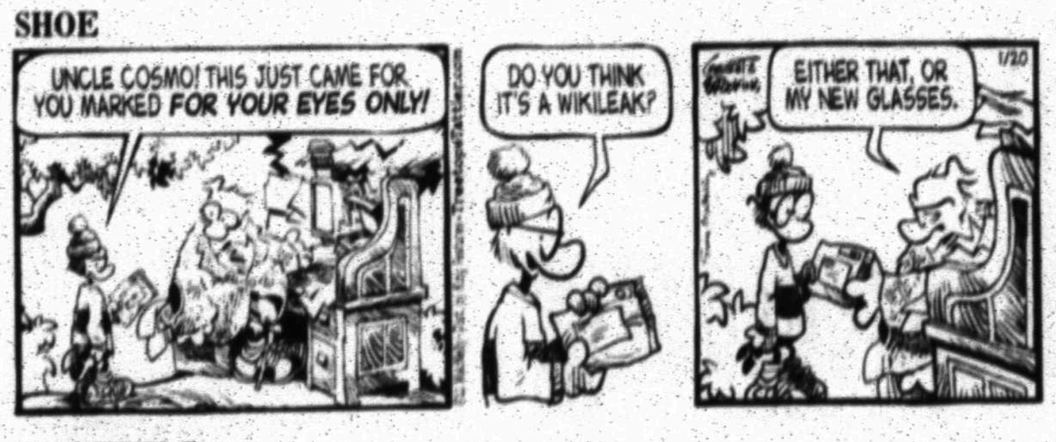

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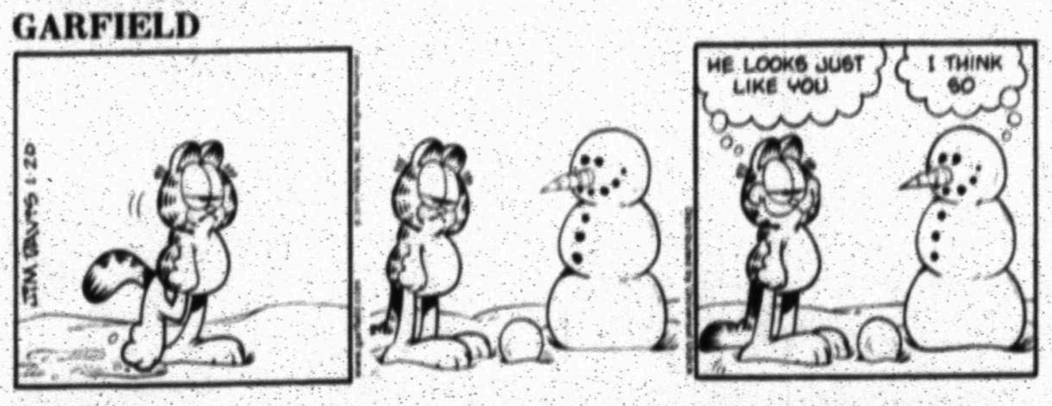

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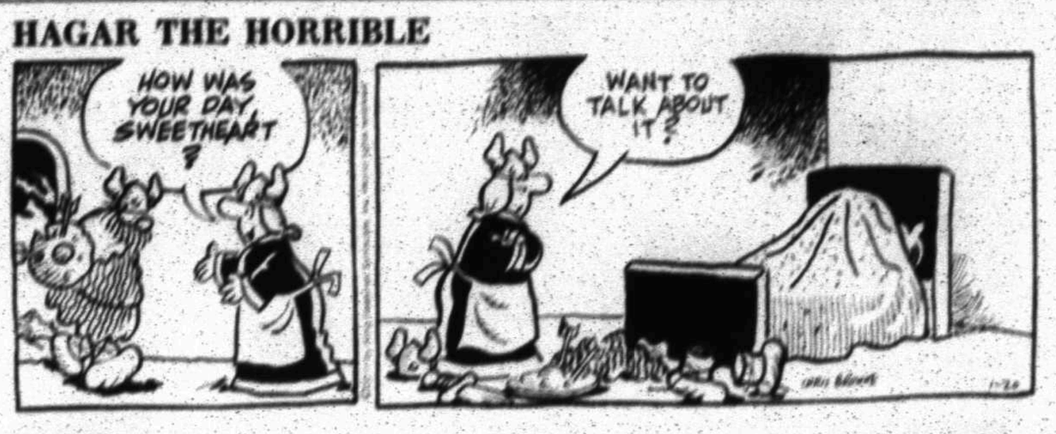

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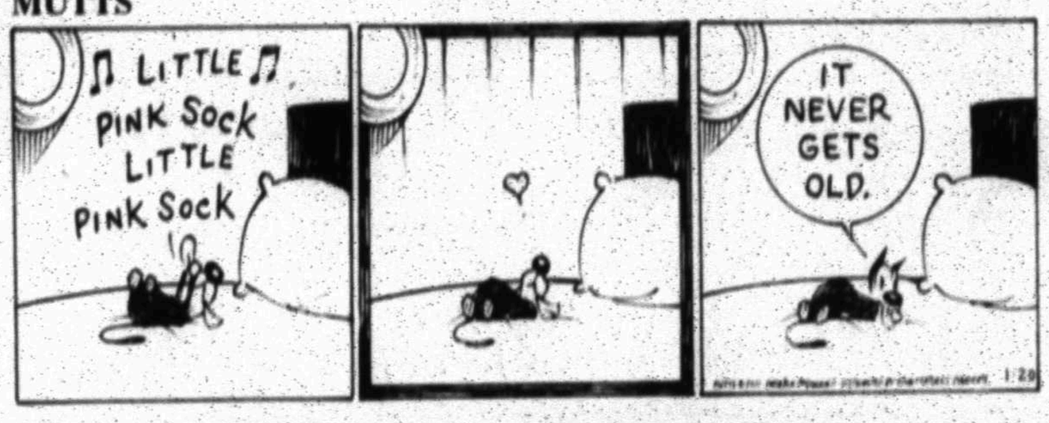

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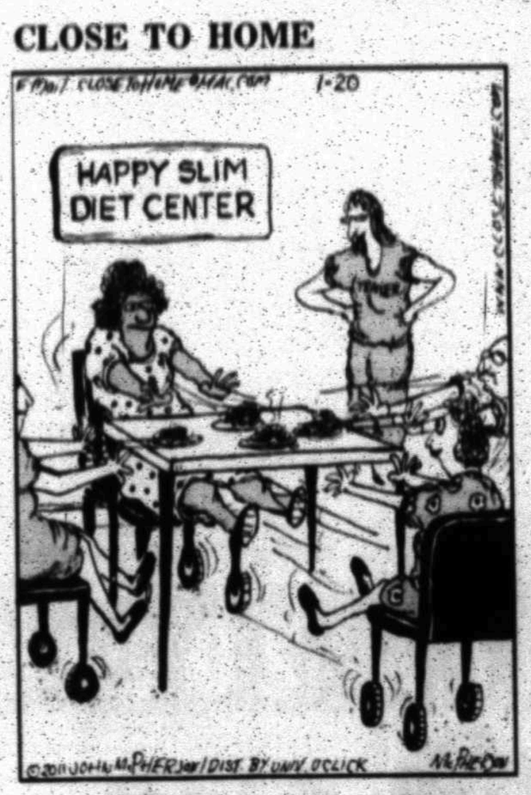

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

BURNING ISSUES

▶ The Golden Globe "arrivals" reminded us of the garden-variety NASCAR rain-delay show on TV. Special emphasis on quality of interviews.

▶ Slightly more restrictive plates will convert into slightly slower speeds, and it will be slightly harder to pass in the Daytona 500.

▶ To those watching the race, the new pavement at Daytona will have an effect far less noticeable than drivers would have us believe.

▶ Yes, new pavement affects the racing, usually for the worst, at most tracks. Where it shouldn't have much effect is where restrictor plates are in use. Adhesion isn't nearly as important at tracks where drivers are running wide-open all the way around.

▶ Assuming the track has been considerably smoothed out, as drivers tell us, then the elimination of the old bumps will have a greater effect on the racing than the mere presence of a new surface.

▶ Is this the year Juan Pablo Montoya blossoms into stardom? A Daytona 500 victory would certainly serve notice, at least in the publicity blitz that follows the race.

▶ In reality, of course, the outcome of the 500 has little to do with the rest of the season. Since the turn of the century, only Jimmie Johnson, in 2006, has followed up a 500 win with a championship.

▶ This week's testing (Jan. 20-22) is allegedly being used to "experiment" with new plates. The truth is that the decision (reduction by 1/32nd of an inch in the openings) has been made. The duty of teams is to adjust.

▶ Recent football games have been notable for the failure of "birds." The Oregon Ducks lost the BCS title game. The Falcons, Eagles, Seahawks and Ravens are gone from the NFL playoffs. It's a good thing for Ford that it no longer races a Thunderbird.

2011 SPRINT CUP SCHEDULE

Feb. 12	Bud Shootout
Feb. 17	Gatorade Duel
Feb. 20	Daytona
Feb. 27	Phoenix
March 6	Las Vegas
March 20	Bristol
March 27	Fontana
April 3	Martinsville
April 9	Texas
April 17	Talladega
April 30	Richmond
May 7	Darlington
May 15	Dover
May 21	All-Star Race
May 29	Charlotte
June 5	Kansas
June 12	Pocono
June 19	Michigan
June 26	Sonoma
July 2	Daytona
July 9	Kentucky
July 17	Loudon
July 31	Indianapolis
Aug. 7	Pocono
Aug. 14	Watkins Glen
Aug. 21	Michigan
Aug. 27	Bristol
Sept. 4	Atlanta
Sept. 10	Richmond
Sept. 18	Chicago
Sept. 25	Loudon
Oct. 2	Dover
Oct. 9	Kansas
Oct. 15	Charlotte
Oct. 23	Talladega
Oct. 30	Martinsville
Nov. 6	Texas
Nov. 13	Phoenix
Nov. 20	Homestead

2011 NATIONWIDE SERIES SCHEDULE

Feb. 19	Daytona
Feb. 26	Phoenix
March 5	Las Vegas
March 19	Bristol
March 26	Fontana
April 8	Texas
April 16	Talladega
April 23	Nashville
April 29	Richmond
May 6	Darlington
May 14	Dover
May 22	Iowa
May 28	Charlotte
June 4	Chicago
June 18	Michigan
June 25	Road America
July 1	Daytona
July 8	Kentucky
July 16	Loudon
July 23	Nashville
July 30	LOR at Indianapolis
Aug. 6	Iowa
Aug. 13	Watkins Glen
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A few late-breaking items for the fans

▶ A foreign website fretted about "U.S.-Australia speedway relations" after two-time Sprint Cup champion Tony Stewart reportedly had a scrap with Sydney Speedway co-owner and former driver Brett Morris. The disagreement may have been over the condition of the dirt track. Parramatta police detained and questioned the American star, who was later released and allowed to fly home to the U.S. Stewart allegedly hit Morris with his helmet ... but came away from the fracas with a black eye himself.

▶ Sam Hornish Jr., as it turns out, won't compete in the Daytona 500 for Penske Racing. Earlier reports suggested that Hornish would run the first five races of the season while Penske continued its attempts to secure sponsorship. Hornish does reportedly have an agreement to race 10 times for Penske in the Nationwide Series but reportedly won't be racing during Speedweeks at all. That, of course, could change.

▶ The Eastern Motorsports Press Association has renamed its "writer of the year" award for Jim Hunter. The award was previously named for writer Frank Blunk. Hunter, a longtime NASCAR official, died in 2010.

▶ Kevin Swindell won the Chili Bowl in Tulsa, Okla., for the second consecutive year. He won the prestigious Midget feature by a half length over his father, Sammy Swindell.

▶ Camping World Truck Series champion Todd Bodine will attempt to compete in all three major NASCAR series during Speedweeks at Daytona.

▶ Furniture Row Racing, which fields Chevys in Cup for Regan Smith, has farmed out its pit-crew duties to Stewart-Haas Racing, which will train and provide over-the-wall personnel in 2011.

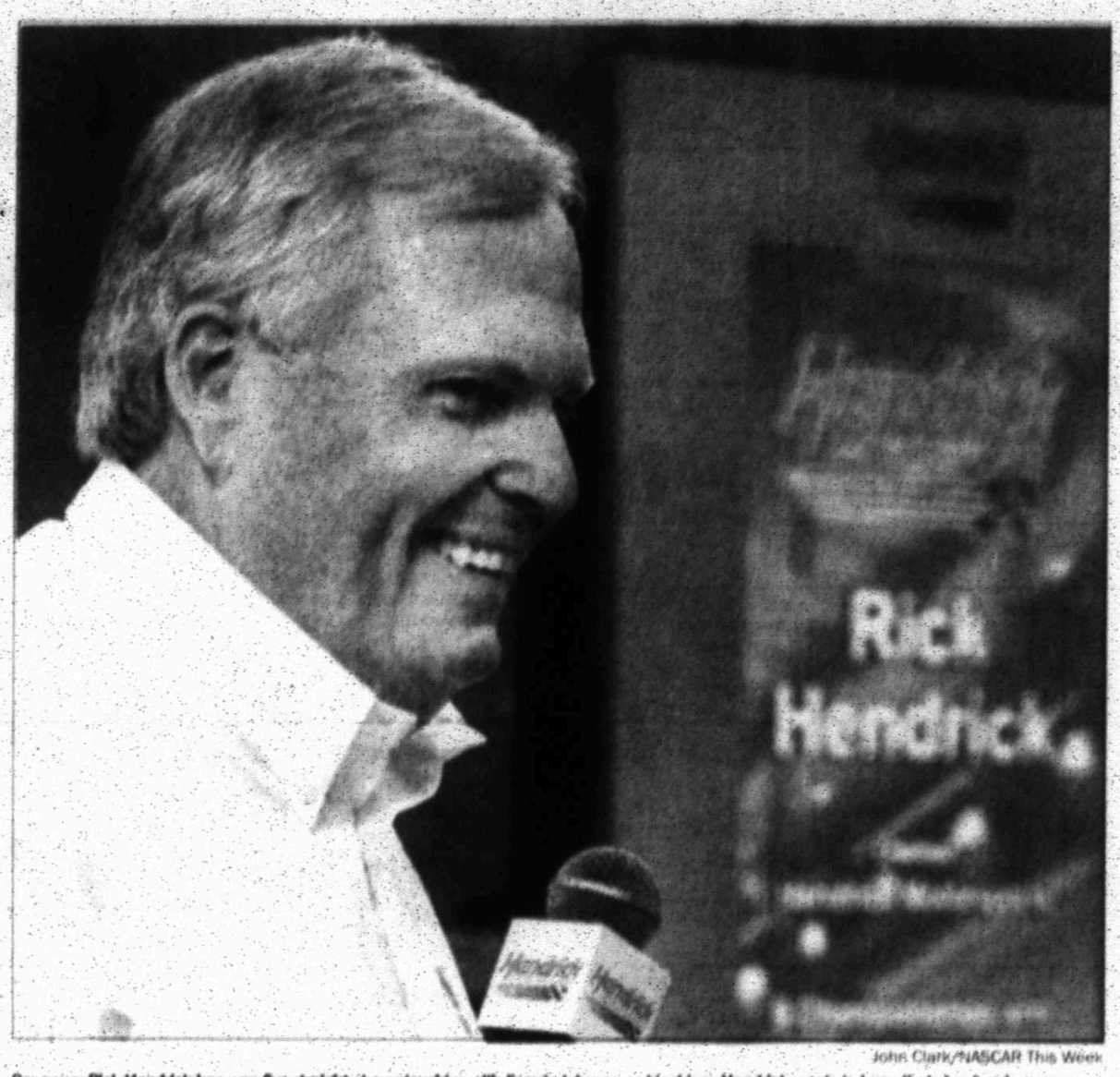
▶ NASCAR Chairman Brian France is in the midst of meetings with major teams concerning the upcoming season.

▶ All systems appear to be "go" after Brian Vickers tested for the first time at Walt Disney World Speedway in Orlando, Fla. Vickers is returning to Team Red Bull after missing most of last season due to medical issues.

Vickers

▶ Micro-Sprints are racing in Atlantic City, N.J., on Jan. 28-29 in the ninth annual Gambler's Classic at Boardwalk Hall.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT
RICK HENDRICK



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Car owner Rick Hendrick has won five straight championships with Jimmie Johnson as his driver. Hendrick wants to keep that streak going.

The Machine Keeps Running

Owner making crew-chief moves to keep success going

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Jimmie Johnson isn't actually perched alone at the top of NASCAR. His car owner, Rick Hendrick, has also won five consecutive championships.

While five straight championships as an owner doesn't rival such attainment in a driver, it's instructive to note that Hendrick Motorsports' Chevys have won a total of 10 titles: five with Johnson, four with Jeff Gordon and one with Terry Labonte. The total equals the all-time record of 10, also won by Petty Enterprises with Richard (seven) and Lee (three) Petty.

Hendrick, whose other business interests include an empire of automobile dealerships, never sits still. Johnson was the only one of his four drivers who won races last year. This led Hendrick to order an offseason shuffle of crew chiefs among the teams of Jeff Gordon, Mark Martin and Dale Earnhardt Jr.

The team shuffle pairs crew chiefs Alan Gustafson with Jeff Gordon, Steve Letarte with Earnhardt and Lance McGrew with Martin.

"I think we just got complacent, and other teams were getting stronger and stronger," said Hendrick. "We were not really where we needed to be, so we started to really try to step up our program in every area."

The decision was based, Hendrick said, on a desire to "pair up people that I thought would be better together."

Describing the changes in terms of only crew chiefs is incomplete. The actual change is in drivers linked to the respective teams. Gordon, who drives No. 24, is now aligned with the entire team, not just crew chief Gustafson.

"We are not changing the people in the shops," said Hendrick. "The people in the '24' and '48' (Johnson) shops will remain the same. The only thing that will change is Jeff Gordon's seat becomes Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s seat. The cars, the people, will remain the same. The same is true in the other two shops (Earnhardt, Martin). The only things changed were the seat, the driver, the sponsor and the number."

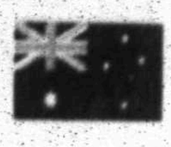
Just having one team at the top isn't enough to please Hendrick.

"We have to work a lot harder and a lot smarter," he said. "I'm confident that the guys can and will do it. They're really energized, so we'll just see."

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Stewart

VERSUS



TONY STEWART VS. UH, AUSTRALIA

Nearing the end of his international sprint-car adventure, Stewart clashed with a track promoter and reportedly came away with a black eye. Stewart was detained by authorities and made headlines but wasn't charged. He flew home to get ready for Daytona.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Perhaps Tony can still be himself in another hemisphere."

YOUR TURN
LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to: NASCAR This Week, The Gaston Gazette, P.O. Box 1538, Gastonia, N.C. 28053.

Loud and not likable

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I would like to follow up and maybe expand on a published comment by Ronald Denk in your column. He questioned the background noise of crew members "playing with their air guns during interviews." My concern is more widespread than that.

During the races on some networks, the engine noises are so loud that one cannot hear the commentators speaking. In some cases, that is merciful, but other times, it is so bad that I watch the races with the sound muted. This year's race at Homestead wasn't quite as bad as the year before, but it was still difficult to hear. "Crank it up" is totally unnecessary.

If NASCAR wants to keep fans, this issue needs to be addressed.

Carl Chapman
Princeton, W.Va.

We have experienced the same problem. We gather that it is more noticeable on high-definition TV or those with stereo sound. Complaints should probably be directed more at the television networks than NASCAR because it is ultimately their responsibility.

FAN TIPS

A Sight to See in the Mayberry Woods

The Mount Airy, N.C., Museum of Regional History is opening an exhibit, "White Liquor and Dirt Tracks: Legacy of Teamwork," on Jan. 22. The exhibit will remain through July. Legendary driver Junior Johnson is scheduled to attend the opening. For more information, visit www.northarolinamuseum.org or call 336-786-4478.

LEGENDS AND LORE

He ain't from around here, but that's OK

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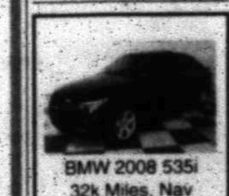

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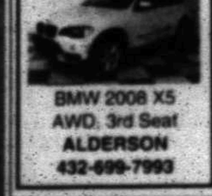

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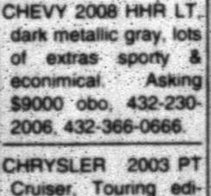

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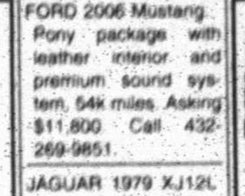

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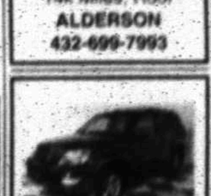

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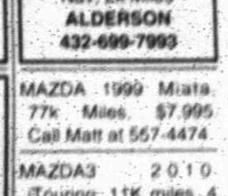

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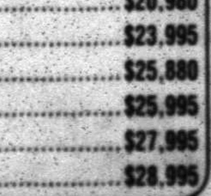

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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A bachelor's degree in journalism or English, two years of editing experience, Quark or InDesign knowledge and proficiency in AP style are preferred. Recent college graduates also are welcome to apply. Time on a universal desk and experience editing sports copy are pluses.

This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to make a difference at a daily newspaper. The Reporter-Telegram is part of the Hearst Corporation and offers a competitive salary and benefits.

If you are interested in the copy editor and page designer position, please send a cover letter, résumé, your best design samples and three references to Trevor Hawes, News Editor, Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Candidates also can e-mail PDF files to thawes@mrt.com.

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West Texas Counseling PT
Licensed Counselor (LCDC/LPC) needed for addiction treatment center. Part-time, 20 hours a week. M-F 7:15am-11:15am. Case management/treatment planning CEU days/personal days/sick days. Fax resume 800-671-8364.

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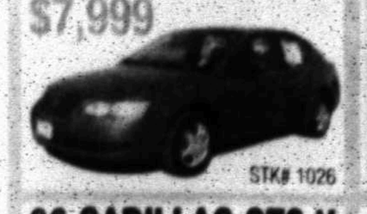

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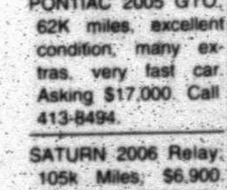

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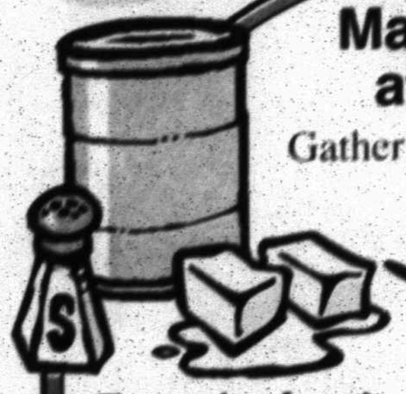
Hi, Kids! I'm **Professor I. Cicle.** You could say that snow and ice are my life! As winter temperatures take a dive, some parts of the Northern Hemisphere get snowy, frosty and ***coooooooold***. Let's take a look at the science behind some winter wonders.

Frosty Fun!

Make Frost at Home

Gather: An empty tin can
Ice cubes
Salt



To make frost:

1. Fill the can with ice cubes and cover the cubes with water.
2. Add a little salt and stir for a few minutes.
3. Watch the outside of the can. A thin layer of frost will form.

What happened?
The moist air around the can condensed and then froze on the cold can.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Students perform simple investigations and observe results.

Snowflake Madness

It is said that no two snowflakes are the same. Yet every snowflake on this page has a match. Can you find each matching pair?

Standards Link: Visual discrimination; observing similarities and differences in common objects.

How do snowflakes form?

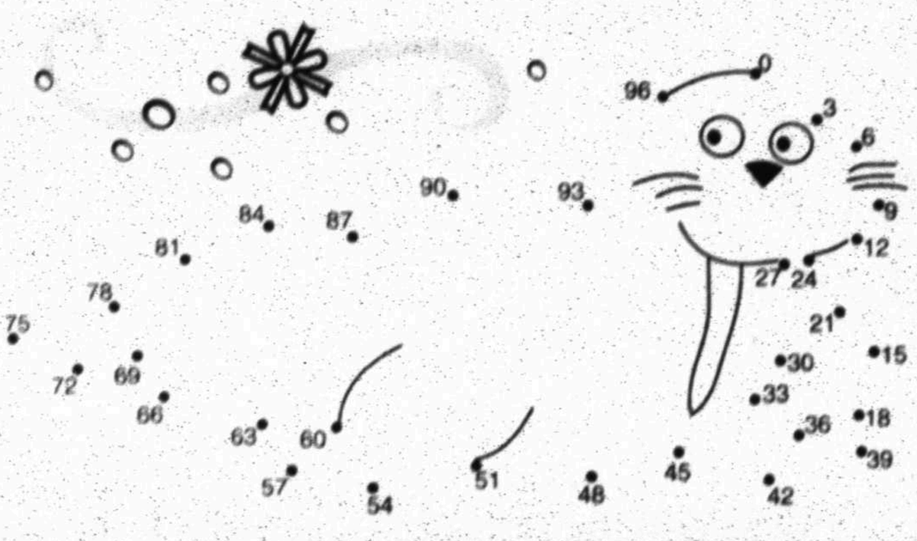
Snowflakes are made up of tiny snow crystals. In fact one snowflake can be made up of 2 to 200 separate snow crystals. Snow crystals form around tiny bits of dirt that have been carried up into the atmosphere by the wind. So snowflakes are really little bits of dirt dressed up in ice crystals!

Standards Link: Physical Science: Solids, liquids and gases have different properties; these properties can change when cooled.

Four Types of Snowflakes

Scientists think that there are four different shapes of snow crystals. The simplest shape is a long, needle-shaped spike. The other shapes all have six sides. One is a long, hollow tube shaped like a six-sided prism. There are also six-sided plates. And, lastly, there are intricate, six-pointed stars.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Solids, liquids and gases have different properties; these properties can change when cooled.



Count by 3's to see what is lying on the snow.

Standards Link: Math: number sense, use repeated addition. Eye-hand coordination.

Extra! Extra! Cool Division

Search through the newspaper for the following numbers. Circle them in a frosty blue color.

- Numbers divisible by 2
- Numbers divisible by 3
- Numbers divisible by 6

Standards Link: Math; solve division problems using 2, 3, and 6.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Each time you find an answer to one of the following math problems, color in that answer on the igloo. Can you color in all of the snow-cold bricks?

Standards Links: Number Sense. Compute sums up to 20.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

WINTER
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WONDERS
CRYSTALS
SCIENCE
DIRT
PRISM
SNOW
WIND
ICE
COLD
TINY

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Cold Poems

Students write poems about the cold.

In the oldest of days when the sun doesn't shine
My days at the river are far behind
The trees look so sad with their leaves on the ground
The cold makes me numb, so I don't hear a sound
Step outside and see your breath in the air
Stick your tongue on something metal, I hope you don't dare!
The cold feels so bitter, biting and frigid
The world seems so lifeless and rigid.

Jacob, 5th grade

When it's cold
You get blue toes
And a red nose
When the wind blows
The shivers go through you
And you can get frostbite too
If you wear a hat
You wouldn't get this stuff.

Maya, 4th grade

Winter is so very, very cold
Lots of winter clothes can keep your temperature controlled
I wish every day it would snow
The lawn will be covered and the grass, so I won't have to mow
But the playground will be covered in ice
So, it won't be so happy and nice.

Eddie, 4th grade

Winter is here, freezing so cold
Shivering like madness, snowflakes you know
Put on hats and gloves and coats and boots
Don't you see it's a snowing spree
Red noses, blue fingers and frostbite
Those are signs you are cold
Go inside and sit by a fireplace
In a second you're ready to go
Back outside, it looks like the arctic
Grab your shovel it's time to go.

Josephine, 4th grade

Snow is soft and white.
I will have a snowball fight.
Snowball down my pants.
I will do a snowball dance.

Michael, Pre-K

When I'm out in the cold I feel like a human popsicle.
When your nose is cold and your face is red
When you can't feel your arms and legs then you know your mom or dad are making hot cocoa
You can see and smell the fireplaces, smoke coming from the roof
When you hear, see, smell and feel all that stuff, you know it's cold and winter.

Kaley, 4th grade

Write On!

I'm Green

Explain what you do to help the environment. Why is this important to you?

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Sentence Starters

Look through the newspaper for different ways to start sentences. Find examples of things like startling statements, quotations, prepositional phrases, noun-verb patterns, etc.

Standards Links: Writing/Grammar: Distinguish between a variety of sentences and ways to make writing more interesting.

Why did the snowman wear an ice pack instead of a hat?

ANSWER: The ice pack made him look cooler.

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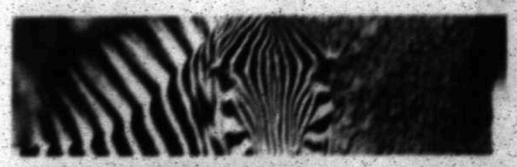

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A photographic look at an African safari.

In the limelight 6-7
Graham Dixon reviews the Maverick Players presentation of "Crosswords" and MOSC Masterworks III.

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When: 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., today
Where: 6 Desta Drive, ClayDesta Atrium
Info: Presented by ClayDesta Center.
For more information call 688-3000. Free to the public.

COMIC ILLUSTRATION CLASS
When: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland County Public Library, 301 Missouri Ave.
Info: Designed for anyone who has picked up a pencil and wanted to learn to draw comics. Ages 14 and up.

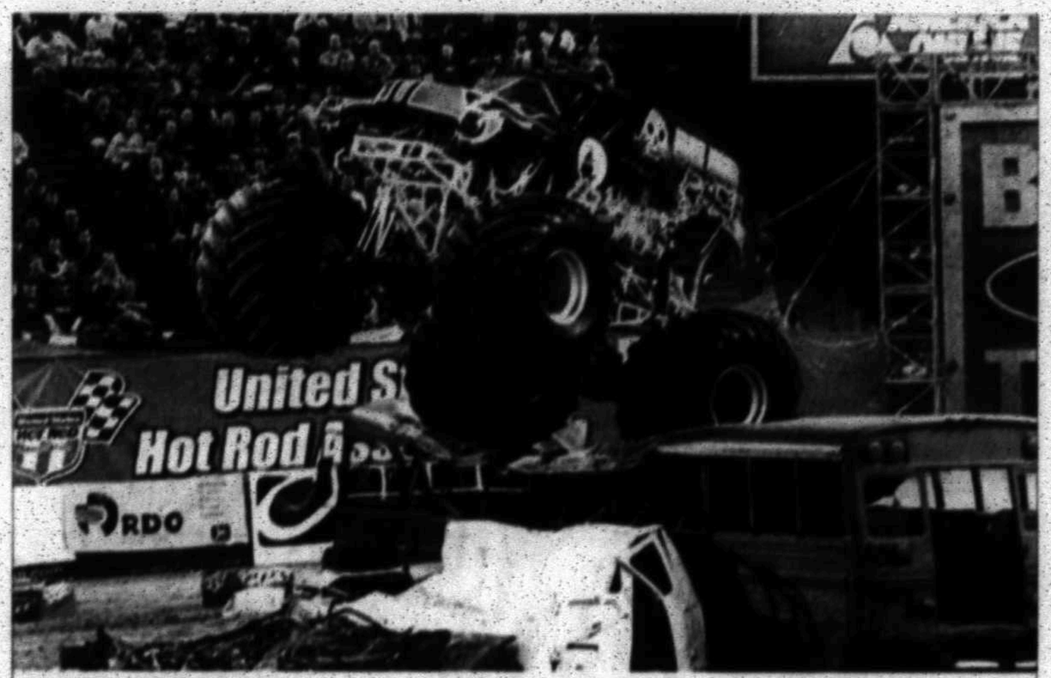
NOOK NITE
When: 7 p.m., today
Where: Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

MAVERICK PLAYERS' "CROSSWORDS"
When: Friday-Sunday through Jan. 30
Where: Mabee Theatre II stage at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.
Tickets: Tickets $8 Thursdays and Sundays, $12 Fridays and Saturdays. 2010 membership will be honored. Call: for reservations at the Maverick box office line, 522-5225, not the Midland Community Theatre box office.
Info: The comedy is by Minnesota playwright Heidi LeBauer.

OPENING RECEPTION FOR MARFA ARTIST RACHEL MANERA
When: 7-9 p.m. Friday
Where: Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin campus
Tickets: Free. Public welcome. Refreshments served.

MIDLAND ARTS ASSOCIATION'S 2011 SPRING JURIED ART EXHIBITION ENTRY DEADLINE
When: Friday
Info: go to midlandartsassociation.org.

TRIBUTE GOSPEL QUARTET
When: 7:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Bellview Baptist Church
Info: Third annual gospel concert series.
Gospel concert schedule:
Tribute Quartet: 7:30 p.m. Friday. No tickets needed, "love offering" accepted
Ernie Haase and Signature Sound: 6 p.m. Jan. 29. Sold out.
Legacy Five: 6 p.m. April 16. Tickets on sale March 22.
Gold City: 7 p.m. May 20. Tickets go on sale March 22.
Booth Brothers: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 19. Tickets go on sale June 14.
The Hoppers: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 and 2 p.m. Oct. 29. Tickets go on sale Aug. 23.
Tickets: $23 for seats in the "artists' circle" comprised of the first three rows of the sanctuary or $18 for all other reserved seating. Call the church office at 682-9474.



BEST BETS

WINTER NATIONAL MONSTER TRUCK SHOW SATURDAY @ THE HORSESHOE
An estimated "30 million fans every year are exposed to the phenomenon that is monster trucks," said a release from Outlaw Motorsports Spectacular. Doors open at 6 p.m. The trucks take over at 7:30 p.m. in the Horseshoe's main arena. Tickets: adults - $18.50, child - $11.50, VIP - $26.50. In advance at Triple T Atomotive, Odessa, or the Horseshoe.

39TH NATIONAL YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION SATURDAY @ DEADERICK AUDITORIUM, ODESSA COLLEGE
Almost 50 contestants will be traveling from the finest music schools across the country to compete at OC. The overall winner will return next season as guest artist with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc. Top winners will receive a total of $10,000 in prize money. Judges for this year's competition are Don Schleicher, head judge, professor of conducting and music director of the University of Illinois Orchestras in Urbana-Champaign; Steven Glaser, piano, professor of piano at Ohio State University; Lina Bahn, strings, assistant professor of violin at the University of Colorado Boulder; and Leone Buyse, winds, professor of flute at Rice University, formerly principal flute with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The finals, set for 7 p.m. Saturday in Deaderick Auditorium on the OC camous are free. The public is invited to attend.

PERMIAN BASIN GUN SHOW
When: Friday-Sunday
Where: Ector County Coliseum
Call: 550-4835

MIDLAND COUNTY SHERIFF MOUNTED HORSE PATROL
When: Saturday
Where: Horseshoe

PUBLIC GALLERY TALK: THE ART OF DEVOTION: LATIN AMERICAN RELIGIOUS ART FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE SAN ANGELO MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
When: 2:30 p.m. Sunday
Where: Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University, Odessa
Tickets: Free. Public welcome.

EASY BRIDGE
When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Allison Bridge Center, 911 W. Wadley Ave.
Cost: Free Tuesdays through Feb. 8. $7 for weeks 5 through 17.
Info: Sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League. The class in Midland is being taught by Deborah Brookins. In Odessa, the class is being taught Mondays by Mercedes Barker. For more information, go to www.easybridgepermianbasin.com or call 978-4085.

ARTS ASSEMBLY OF MIDLAND CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS ENTRY
When: accepting applications through Feb. 15.
Where: Arts Assembly of Midland, Celebration of the Arts, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702, call 687-1149, or e-mail lorri@artsassemblyofmidland.org for more information.
Info: COA is a three-day arts festival in May.

CLASSIC MOVIE CLUB
When: 7 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Cigar Frog's

TUESDAY NIGHT DANCE CLUB
When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: 4601 N. FM 1788, Knights of Columbus Bldg.
Info: Live country music
Admission: $7 members, $8 guests

THE SPRING CLUB FAIR
When: Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Scharbauer Student Center, Midland College campus
Info: Food will be provided free for students with their MCID, and $5 for all faculty, staff, and students. Contact Stephanie VanCuren at svancuren@midland.edu or (432)685-4543.

Kids Zone

MY TOWN AND DINO DIG
Where: Children's Museum, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
When: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; 2-5 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $3 per person. Free for members.
Info: New exhibit goes up Feb. 14

CHILDREN'S EVENTS
(At Midland County Public Library)
■ Wednesday children's storytime, 10 a.m., Thursday storytime for birth through 18 months, 9:30 a.m.; children's storytime, 10 a.m., Midland County Library
(at Barnes and Noble)
■ Wednesday storytime (various themes on most Wednesdays), 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers
"Rabbit's Winter Walk" storytime, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Barnes and Noble Booksellers

Road Trip

Mescalero, N.M.
POINTER SISTERS — FRIDAY
Performing for more than four decades, the certified gold and platinum selling Pointer Sisters heat up the stage live at the Inn of the Mountain Gods at 8 p.m. Friday. Tickets start at $31.75 and can be purchased at www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

ALL THE DETAILS

What: Petroleum Museum's Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series

When: 11:30-12:30 p.m. today

Where: The Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West

Info: Eileen Piwetz, Ph.D., speaking on "Out of Africa ... An African Photographic Safari." Piwetz will share her three photographic safaris with the audience.

Tickets: No admission. Dessert and a drink will be provided. Call the museum, 683-4403 for more information.

Brown Bag Lunch guest to take audience on photographic African safari

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

Eileen Piwetz shares the spirit of Africa's wildlife in "Out of Africa — An African Photographic Safari" at the Petroleum Museum's Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series today.

"It's indescribable," Piwetz said of her African safaris. "It's an emotional, a spiritual event. You can't describe it. There's something about the isolation and being out there with these beautiful animals in their natural habitat not restrained by cars and people and fences and noise."

The photographs Piwetz plans on sharing are her favorites taken on safaris in 2006, 2008 and 2009.

"Some of them (locations) are private reserves," Piwetz said. "It is protected in that no one hunts where we go. They are very aware of poachers, and there are a lot of efforts made to prevent poaching."

Africa has long held a fascination for her.

"As a small child, one of the things I wanted to do was go to Africa," said Piwetz, who plans to return again this summer. "I've been to lots of places, and there are still places I want to go, but I always want to return there more than I want to go to a new place."

The vastness of the land and the absence of man's presence leaves a lasting impression on those who make the journey.

"You are out there," Piwetz said. "It's solitude. It's so vast. You are just a very small observer in this huge, huge universe."

Most of the photographs in her powerpoint presentation are from Botswana in southern Africa.

"In Botswana there is a huge amount of water that comes in from Angola," said Piwetz. "And that area is called the Okavango Delta. I do have some pictures of Victoria Falls which is also in southern Africa — Zimbabwe and Zambia.

"I will show pictures of all of the different species we have seen and the birds — probably not all of the birds but the most colorful. I will talk a little bit about camp life and transportation. Basically, it will be a follow me on this safari."

Piwetz is pleased to have this opportunity to share her passion for Africa and its wildlife.

"I'm looking forward to giving it," she said. "I love talking about it because I get to relive it all again."

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YOUNG MONEY CONCERT HOSTED BY NICKI MINAJ FRIDAY @THE CLARION CONVENTION CENTER

Nicki Minaj — a Trinidadian-American rapper and R&B singer-songwriter — is the first artist to have seven songs within the Billboard Hot 100 at the same time. In August 2009, Minaj signed to Young Money Entertainment with distribution from Universal Motown. Legacy Elite Athletics is providing the dancers for Friday's event. Minaj is hosting the event. Call Legacy Elite Athletics, 694-4665, for more information and ticket prices.

12 STONES, TAPROOT MONDAY @ GRAHAM CENTRAL STATION, ODESSA

After selling 500,000 copies of the band's first two albums (the self-titled debut and Potter's Field) and touring relentlessly, 12 Stones decided it was time for a break from the road. Members packed up their gear and headed back to Mississippi and Louisiana. During their time off, singer Paul McCoy said they "grew up a lot." All of the guys are now fathers, and they spent a good deal of their time away from music with their families. However after a few years away from touring, McCoy said, "I really just couldn't wait to get back to making music." "Anthem for the Underdog": 12 Stones did not set out to write an album for those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Still, the loss felt in their local neighborhoods had its obvious effects on the band members, and they were compelled to write about the recovery taking place around them. "Anthem for the Underdog" spells out 12 Stones' philosophy for those working hard to get back on top. McCoy sings, "We're here now feeling the beat of a thousand hearts coming back to life again, we can make it." The lyrics are a testament to the spirit of those affected by this tragedy.

Live Wire

Midland/Odessa

Friday, Jan. 21
Cory Yeager @ Zucchi's
Jerry Nelson Band @ The Star Lite Saloon
Road Kings @ Detour
Tribute Gospel Quartet @ Bellview Baptist (7:30 p.m.)
Young Money hosted by Nicki Minaj @The Clarion Convention Center (8 p.m.)

Saturday, Jan. 22
DJ Scrambeled Eggs and The Hash @ Detour

Friday, Jan. 21, and Saturday, Jan. 22
Electric Gypsies @ The Bar
Smoke & Mirrors @ Your Place
The Shades @ Flash's Cantina

Sunday, Jan. 23
Jaron Bell Band @ Hog Pit

Monday, Jan. 24
12 Stones, Taproot @ Graham Central Station

Tuesday, Jan. 25
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In the limelight
Maverick Players

By Graham Dixon, Ph.D.

'Apparently, we're boring." This line occurs early in "Crosswords," the Maverick Players production playing through Jan. 29 at Midland Community Theatre's Cole Theatre.

Writing a play about essentially boring characters is dangerous — but in many ways this has been the dominant theme of Western drama since Chekov wrote of Russian ennui just before their revolution. Lester and Marie are quintessentially modern characters — their tragedy is that too little happens to them, not too much.

They are a retired couple who spend their days sitting in two recliners — Lester reading the wanted sections in the newspaper and Marie doing easy crosswords. Lester is played by Gene Houk, who sinks his teeth with relish into a meatier role than he is normally given. His unshaven face and tousled hair suggest his simmering discontent with life, and Houk negotiates the move from boredom to enthusiasm to disenchantment well. He inhabits the deadpan hopelessness of a man whose adult children never call, and who resorts to creating a false impression of 'not being boring.'

As his wife Marie, Charlyne Dodge is eventually the more energetic of the couple. This woman who is afraid of just about everything outside of her house eventually immerses herself in their make-believe traveling to Africa and Japan. Her African sound-effects are very funny, while her Japanese persona — a rather sweet geriatric geisha — was priceless. Lester's expressions of wondered disgust at eating sushi provoked howls of laughter from the audience in the same scene.

This is a new play, and it suffers from many of the problems inherent within the dramatically untried. First, it needs editing. About a third could be cut without too much damage to the whole — in fact the result would be a more sinewy, tightly constructed play. Second, "Crosswords" is very derivative — hints of John Osborne sit uncomfortably with Edward Albee, while some of Oscar Wilde's most famous quips are presented as if the playwright's original work. These make for an accidental rather than deliberate pastiche.

Additional characters are uneasy additions to what is a two-character play, but the performances are actually rather good here. Marcellus Roberts as their long-suffering mailman brings energy to the stage in his brief scenes, while at the very end Jeremy and Jessica Wood are excellent as the innocent-playing adult children of the couple who actually realize more about their parents' fantasy than they are letting on. Kristi Culbert and real-life children Jake and Cailin play the rather pushy trick-or-treaters who reveal the Johnsons' Halloween eccentricity at the beginning.

Jeremy Wood's directing is sure in its blocking, but less so in the less tangible but just as vital pacing. Variations in rhythm, cadence and speed are needed in a realistic play to avoid the impression that the audience is dipping into a conversation rather than watching a play. Houk and Dodge provide the depth of characterization, they just need to be molded more carefully in the direction.

Finally, the kabuki-like prop changes between scenes were fascinating, if perhaps unintentionally entertaining. Inter-scene time was so long it provided a play-within-a-play — one that symbolized the difficulty of living within the fantasy world of this old couple.

So the writing in "Crosswords" is obviously a work in progress, while the Maverick production is a very entertaining whole that is choppy because of the raw material. The Maverick Players are homeless at the moment, but they seem to be enjoying the professional-standard production facilities offered by MCT. Perhaps their stay can be longer than currently planned.

For tickets to "Crossroads" call 522-5225.

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In the limelight
Masterworks

By Graham Dixon

Conductor Gary Lewis characterized the latest Masterworks concert from the MOSC as moving from "the ridiculous to the sublime" as the orchestra presented works from Hèrold, Mozart and Beethoven at the Mid-Cities Church last Saturday. But if the opening of the "Overture to 'Zampa'" is confectionary, as Lewis suggested, it is a crème brulee – varied, a little crunchy on the top, and introduced with a flash of fire. Not long enough to develop themes fully, the piece offered tantalizing, brief glimpses of delights before moving onto others.

A perfectly frothy beginning to an evening that would soon become profound.

Mozart's Oboe Concerto was lost for more than a century – apparently the composer didn't consider it important enough to preserve particularly well, or perhaps he had it stored in his mind for later writing down in a comprehensive set of his work near the end of his career. But of course Mozart never had the chance - - he died in his mid 30s.

Whatever the history, we are supremely fortunate that this concerto appeared in its correct formulation – for oboe rather than flute – early in the 1900s. Soloist Peter Cooper has a light, ethereal sound that explores the delicate touches of Mozart in the first movement, while allowing for the emotional depths that inhabit a lovely agony of sound in the second. Mozart's slow movements are almost too beautiful, too sad – but we revel in them nevertheless.

Cooper moved skillfully into the jaunty, playful antics of the third movement with a flourish. As if reminding us to laugh as much as we cry, to celebrate the sheer joy of living to counter the knowledge of how brief it will be – Mozart miraculously puts a smile on our face by the end of this work. Cooper gave us a glimpse of Mozart's mind – what Hildesheimer correctly called an "unmatchable work of art."

Mozart's effortless genius, his gregarious social abilities, his ability to have fun – all of these contrast with the brooding, Romantic master Beethoven. To discuss what Mozart was thinking when he wrote the Oboe Concerto would be absurd, as there is a casual indifference to the exigencies of the here and now in his work. But Beethoven was completely different – he felt deeply ambivalent toward, and yet was intensely involved with, the historical events of his time. It is enlightening to consider the identity of the "great man" in the Eroica Symphony.

Lewis's interpretation of the Eroica was so complete, so complex and so stimulating it offered many possible interpretations for that hero. First, in those massive, frightening chords that start the first movement, the colossal figure of Napoleon strides into view. He rose from nothing to ruling much of Europe, and initially

Peter Cooper

earned the respect of Beethoven as the composer had always championed the common man. The Eroica was originally dedicated to Napoleon, but the Bonn master became disenchanted with the Emperor as he had become the thing that he had originally fought – a despot. In that recurring refrain from oboe and flute we could perhaps glimpse Beethoven's sadness at what might have been.

Who is the funeral march of the second movement for? Beethoven was particularly fascinated by the Promethean myth, in which a god is tortured for eternity for the crime of giving fire to mankind. At the time he wrote the Eroica, Beethoven was coming to terms with the cruel irony of losing his hearing – perhaps he is the 'hero' who rises from the seeming artistic death of constant ringing in his ears and eventual silence into the creative masterpieces that lay in his future. Like Prometheus, Beethoven was doomed to wake every day to renewed torture – but unlike the god, he could transform his situation into art.

Lewis brought out the cheery, almost improvisational nature of the surprisingly short third movement – as if Beethoven is luxuriating in newfound vitality after the funereal finality that had come before.

The finale was majestic, passionate and riveting. Lewis swayed passionately as the variations flowed from instrument to instrument, theme to theme, orchestra to audience, and ultimately from a long-dead European genius to West Texas in 2011. Music of this quality is a sadly brief, but intoxicating ambrosia for mortals.

What a treasure we have in the Midland Odessa Symphony& Chorale.

Their season continues with the National Young Artist Competition occurring next week at Odessa College. Admission is free.

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Works by Warren Taylor on display at McCormick Gallery

Warren Taylor received his Master of Fine Arts degree from Fort Hays State University in 1979. He has taught painting and watercolor classes at Midland College for more than 30 years and has participated in more than 250 exhibitions.

In 2009, Taylor's work was on display in the Martin Museum Gallery of the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center on the Baylor campus.

"Warren Taylor's command of the watercolor medium is remarkable," said Karin Gilliam, director of Baylor's Martin Museum of Art. "Multiple, transparent layers draw the viewer in and beckon them to discover what lies deeper and deeper below the surface. Each painting is an adventure."

ALL THE DETAILS:

What: Studio 3600 Series; Warren Taylor
When: Today-March 25
Where: McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College campus
Info: "Past & Present," current and collected works by Warren Taylor
Opening Reception: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 27. Public welcome.
Source: Martin Museum Gallery of the Hooper-Schaefer Fine Arts Center and Midland College

Taylor was one of four American artists selected in the Winsor-Newton Millennium Competition to participate in exhibitions shown at St. James Palace in London, and latter shown in Stockholm and New York City. In 1999, Taylor received the Special Achievement Award from the Piper Foundation.

He is a member of The Watercolor Society of America, The San Diego Watercolor Society, and the American Watercolor Society.

"I respond to the transparency," Taylor said regarding watercolors. "I can incorporate a lot of detail into a small area very quickly."

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ALL THE DETAILS

What:10th Annual O'Reilly Auto Parts Extreme Arenacross Nationals presented by Golden Suzuki Honda Kawasaki Yamaha KTM.

When: Friday and Saturday

Where: Ector County Coliseum, Odessa

Show time: 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Gates open at 6:30 p.m.

Arenacross Racing: See high-flying arenacross racing from pee wee's to the fastest pros from around the country in an all-out air assault on the huge indoor track. Featured classes will be the 250F Pro, 450F Pro, and ATV Pro. Pro riders will be racing for their share of the big cash purse.

Extreme Freestyle: See the pros in a jump-off contest each night. Witness the stars performing the latest and greatest tricks.

Quad Racing: ATV racing with the nation's top pros battling it out for the championship. See both 2 strokes and 4 strokes doing battle for their share of the cash purse.

Rider Information: Call Golden Suzuki Honda Kawasaki Yamaha in Odessa 432-332-1288 or MAP Motorsports at 417-887-9400. Registration starts at 9 a.m., practice starts at noon each day.

Tickets: Adult (ages 12 & Up) $19. Advance $20 Day of Show; child (ages 3-11) $9. Advance $10 Day of Show; Age 2 and under is free. Tickets are on sale at O'Reilly Auto Parts Stores and online at centralticketoffice.com.

Special promotion: KPEJ is sponsoring Friday night Kids' night. The first 200 kids get free toy motorcycles. **Info**: "We do the monster truck show in Odessa every year in February," said John Darnell of Main Attraction, Inc. "We have been doing the monster truck event at the Ector County Coliseum for over 20 years, the Arenacross for 12 years."

Source: Main Attraction, Inc.

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Restaurant Guide: Pulse publishes a portion of the Restaurant Guide each week. Restaurants are listed in broad categories according to the type of food they serve. Additionally, they are classified as order at counter (OAC) then sit down, or sit down (SD) and be waited on. Several are listed as cafeteria or buffet style, a few are carry out.

American/Grill

Bush's Chicken (OAC)
2210 N. Big Spring
687-7090

Midlanders voted it number one for best chicken in the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Top 100. Three-lane drive through. Chicken meals and combos. All combos include fries, gravy, roll and a large drink. Snack packs and family size meals available. Kid's menu. Red cinnamon apple pie for dessert. Their ice tea is sold by the gallon if you want to take it home. Payment Accepted: cash, credit cards.
Entrée price range: $2.89-$7.69 Family Packs available.
Hours: Daily 10 a.m.-10 p.m. drive through. Lobby hours 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Café at The Gardens (SD)
3300 Fairgrounds Road
687-1478

Located in the back of Alldredge Gardens, this unique restaurant offers one of the most relaxed atmospheres around town. Sit in the garden center and enjoy the beautiful fish in the pond as you eat your lunch. Sandwiches, soups, quiche, burgers and wonderful desserts will have you staying longer than you planned. Kid's menu. Catering available as well as party area.
Entrée Price Range: $6-$8.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Graham Pharmacy (SD)
1601 W. Wall St.
684-5756

Graham Pharmacy moved from their location in the "Old Town" shopping center on Dodson Street to a larger building on Wall Street. Their "old-fashioned" soda fountain remains the same with homemade fudge and desserts, simple lunch favorites and shakes and ice cream dishes. Lunch entrees include sandwiches such as BLT, tuna, pimento cheese and ham and cheese as well as club sandwiches with turkey and/or ham and cheese. Hot dogs, corn dogs, salads and Frito pie also are available. The soda fountain serves a different soup each day of the week along with tomato, chicken noodle and vegetable beef daily. Prices are more than reasonable with sandwiches ranging from $2-$3.
Entrée price range: $1.75-$4.25
Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Down Home Kitchen (SD)
102 N. Lee St.
682-3696

A small, unassuming building in south Midland, Down Home Kitchen serves homestyle entrees for lunch and dinner. Diners may choose from a few freshly-made entrees — meatloaf, pork chops, chicken fried steak and more — and sides such as corn, macaroni and cheese, green beans and boiled cabbage. Each plate is around $8 and includes an entree, two sides and bread. Dessert options include peach cobbler and a variety of cakes. The menu and the prices remain the same for lunch and dinner.
Payment accepted: cash, major credit cards
Entree price range: about $8
Hours: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Cracker Barrel (SD)
3108 N. Loop 250 West
689-3137

Home-style meals. Serving breakfast (all day), lunch and dinner. Soups, sandwiches, pork barbeque, fried chicken tenderloin, grilled pork chops, sugar cured ham, smoked ham, hamburger steak and meatloaf are all on the menu. Friday fish fry, Saturday offers made from scratch chicken n' rice with vegetables and Sunday features homestyle chicken. Lots of side dishes and desserts on the menu. Kid's menu available. Old country store in front of restaurant. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash and checks.
Entrée price range: breakfast-$2.99-$8.69, lunch/dinner-$6.39-$12.99.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday-Saturday 6 a.m.-11 p.m.

The Bar (SD)
606 W. Missouri Ave.
685-1757

The Bar opened in 1979 and serves lunch, dinner and Saturday brunch. Menu items at the downtown bar and grill include sandwiches, burgers, chili, soups, steaks and more. Smoking is permitted in part of the restaurant. A full menu is available on the Web site, www.thebarmidland.com.
Entrée Price Range: $5.99-$20.99
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. lunch; 5-10 p.m. dinner. Saturday brunch: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Midland Donuts (OAC)
2100 W. Wall St.
and 307 N. Midland Drive
686-7766

Large assortment of donuts and breakfast pastries as well as breakfast burritos and biscuits. Menu also includes croissant rolls and croissant sandwiches. More than 100 drink options including blended coffees, smoothies, Chai teas, shaken iced teas, tapiocas and snocones. Open daily 3 a.m.-9 p.m. Dining room and drive-through window service available. Payments accepted: cash, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express.

The Ranch House (OAC)
5103 W. Wadley
699-0695

Stop by for a quick sandwich. They offer more than just ham. Choices include: chicken or tuna salad, turkey breast, peppered beef or ham, honey glazed ham, smoked brisket and their only warm sandwich which is barbeque. Sandwiches are $4.50 and come with potato chips. You may also order a combination meal for $6.50 which includes a side of homemade beans. Homemade bread. Catering available. Payment Accepted: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Cash, and Checks.
Entrée price range: $4.50, $6.50 (combo meals).
Hours: 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily

Clear Springs Cafe (SD)
5707 Andrews Highway
522-1188

Large menu with something for everyone. Burgers, Po'boy, catfish, shrimp, crawfish, oysters, chicken strips, steaks, chicken fried steak and chicken. Specials offered daily. Claim to have the "best onion rings and catfish in Texas, the World and the known Universe." Kid's menu. Walls are covered in antiques and memorabilia to look at after you order your meal. Catering available. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash, no checks.
Entrée price range: $6.25-$16.95.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

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Four G's Café (SD)
2907 North Big Spring
686-8013

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Entrée Price Range: $4-$6.
Hours: Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Friday 7-11 a.m.; Saturday 7-noon; Sunday 8-noon.

Green's Restaurant (SD)
20 Village Circle Drive
682-2132

Open for breakfast and lunch, Green's Restaurant offers simple, American diner-style food in a very casual atmosphere. Smoking is permitted inside the restaurant. Breakfast items - served all day - include hotcakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, ham and omelets. The lunch menu consists of daily specials and everyday specials such as chicken fried steak, baked chicken, lemon pepper chicken and fish. Sandwiches such as a patty melt, BLT, club or grilled chicken are available as well as burgers and salads.
Entree price range: $1.75 - $5.50
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hilton's Le Bistro (SD)
117 W. Wall St.
683-6131

Full breakfast and lunch buffet with daily specials. Also offers full menu of items from specialty appetizers (mini hamburgers and hotdogs) hot wings, fish assortment and stuffed potato skins. Steaks, seafood, sandwiches and salads are available with various side dishes. Quiet, relaxing atmosphere with attentive service and delicious food. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Buffet $10.95.
Hours: Daily 6:30-10 a.m. for breakfast (breakfast buffet too); 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. lunch buffet; regular menu all day until 10 p.m.

JoJo's Eatery
214 W. Texas (Petroleum Building)
682-3134

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Nueva Vista Grill (OAC)
6101 West Wadley
(Neuva Vista Golf Course)
522-7455

An "oasis" found in Midland offering a very relaxing and casual lunch or dinner atmosphere. As the menu says, they "Serve golfers before, during and after their game. Serving friends and neighbors anytime." They also will accept call in orders for take-out. Salads include grilled chicken, crispy chicken or chef salad, delicious grilled sandwiches, barbe cue and a wide variety of burgers. Daily lunch specials at great prices. They also serve a variety of fountain drinks, sports drinks, bottled soft drinks and can and tap beer. Price range: $3-$8.95. Hours: 9:00-4:00 (during cold weather); 7:30-8:00 (Summer hours). In summer, offer breakfast items. Payment types accepted: credit cards and cash.

Midland Ice House and Grill (SD)
12 Meta Drive
683-5770

Located by the old Walgreen's. Two large dining areas as well as a patio. Offer lunch and dinner. Appetizers, sandwiches, (all sandwiches are served with chips, fries and your choice of a side dish). A few other entrees include burgers, steak fingers, chicken fried steak, chicken breast and chicken strips. Happy Hour is celebrated each day from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday nights karaoke. Live music Friday and Saturday nights. Party on the Patio (Tuesday nights) starts in April. Payment Accepted: Visa, MasterCard, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $6 to $10.
Restaurant Hours: Monday-Friday, full menu served 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Select menu 3 p.m.-2 a.m.Monday-Saturday.

Lori's Café (SD)
2201 W. Wall St.
570-1701

Homestyle cooking at this restaurant offering breakfast, lunch and dinner menu items. Breakfast includes pancakes, omelettes, waffles, breakfast enchiladas and burritos, as well as traditional eggs, toast, bacon and grits. Lunch offers sandwiches (French dip, Philly Cheesesteak, Reuben and chicken Parmesan. Burgers, a large selection of salads, chicken fried steak and many appetizers are on this extensive menu. Fast, friendly service at great prices. Payment Accepted: cash, check and credit cards.
Entrée price range: $2.75-7.95.
Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 6 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

Strawberry Fields Cafe (SD)
2311 W. Wadley Ave.
684-5869

Fresh foods made from the finest organic and natural ingredients. Natural meats and poultry are free-range, raised on a natural diet, and are free of chemicals used on conventional factory farms. All of their foods are made fresh daily and are free of refined sugars, hydrogenated oils, artificial colors, flavors and preservatives. Bright green salads can be purchased by the pound. Sandwiches, wraps, no-bull burger (veggie burger) and soups. This is the place to go for a guilt free delicious meal with Beatles memorabilia on every wall. Kid's menu. Payment types accepted: checks, all major credit cards, cash.
Entrée Price Range: $6-$8.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Tater World (SD)
802 S. Garfield
682-9111

Taters are front and center on the menu including tater twisters (homemade tater chips), cheddar fries, tater skins, and baked potatoes, which weigh one pound or more. Brisket, steak stuffed taters or regular stuffed potatoes. Offering other dishes besides taters such as some of the best catfish in town, a variety of salads, sandwiches, burgers, chicken fried steak and "hot doggs." Breakfast burritos too. Catering available. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $3.95-$7.95.
Hours: Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. Friday 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Eddie's Catfish Company (OAC)
301 N. Lee St.
684-4422

The owners of Eddie's Catfish Company used to serve catfish only on Fridays at Greater Ideal Family Life Center. When they moved into the building on Lee Street, they began serving catfish Monday through Saturday. The menu features one- or two-piece catfish meals; fried shrimp or a combination. Meals include hushpuppies, coleslaw and French fries or onion rings. Eddie's also offers family packs with a combination of shrimp, catfish, hushpuppies and French fries.
Entree price range: $3-$9.50
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Central Cafe (OAC)
600 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 199, inside the Security Bank Building
684-7017

Hidden inside the Security Bank Building, Central Cafe serves breakfast and lunch. The breakfast menu includes burritos with a variety of fillings, egg sandwich, bagel with cream cheese or fresh fruit. The lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, quesadillas, burritos, chicken strips and salads. Cookies and muffins are available for snacks or desserts. Diners may eat in or take their meal to go.
Entree price range: breakfast: $0.89 - $3.25; lunch: $1.25- $5.95
Hours: Monday - Friday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Barbecue/Burgers

Bob's Better Burger (drive-in)
3417 Thomason Dr.
694-1561

Voted "best burger" in the Reporter-Telegram's Top 100 Contest, Bob's Better Burger has been serving burgers, fries, milkshakes for more than 50 years. Menu is posted in front of the kitchen where you stand outside and place your order through a window. Customers pick up their orders from the windows and eat in their cars or take their meals home. Menu includes small and large burgers with additions such as cheese, jalapenos, chili and bacon. Corn dogs, hot dogs, sandwiches, fries, onion rings and more also are available. Kid's menu includes a hot dog, corn dog, small burger, chicken nuggets or grilled cheese with fries or tater tots and a drink for only $4.
Payment accepted: cash
Entree price range $1.60 - $6
Hours: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Saturday

Dickey's Barbecue Pit (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley
689-4500, catering **212-3351**
www.dickeys.com

The menu says, "Cooked slow, served fast." Quick, friendly service offering traditional barbecue selections of brisket, chicken, pulled pork, all the sides. Also stuffed baked potatoes, chicken Caesar salad, sandwiches and platters. Kid's menu and family packs. Don't forget your yellow drink cup with your favorite drink. Catering. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $4.29-$8.59.
Hours: Daily 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Michael's Charcoal Grill (OAC)
723 W. Wadley 686-9030
and 4317 W. Illinois 689-9702

Barbecue specialties including ribs, brisket, sausage and chicken. Other entrees include items such as rib eye steaks, pork chops, country fried steak, chopped sirloin steak as well as several seafood dishes including fried catfish and fried cod. These meals also come with a choice of two side dishes; baked potato, salad bar, potato salad, beans, slaw, fries or tater tots. Sandwiches, burgers, salads, low cal plates as well as junior pilot and senior menu. Beer and wine served. Airplane memorabilia decorates this large dining room for an interesting as well as delicious meal. Catering available. Payment Accepted: major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée price range: $5.25-$28.95.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Big Bubba's Bar-B-Que Station (OAC)
3211 W. Wadley, Suite #14
Imperial Shopping Center
432-262-2404

Offering smoked brisket, pork ribs, German sausage and pulled pork in one to four meat plates with all the sides you would expect from a Texas barbecue restaurant. Sandwiches filled

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with brisket, sausage, pulled pork or ham. Homemade cobbler daily. All meats are also sold by the pound and sides may also be purchased in large quantities. Catering available. Entrée price range: $5.99-$11.99. Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.; 5-8 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Burgers Fries and Cherry Pies (OAC)
5210 W. Wadley Ave.
617-2327

Over 20 combinations of burgers and toppings, and if you do not want a ground beef burger, you can choose a grilled chicken breast as a substitute and still have all the various additions. Sizes are one-third or one-half pound burgers on white, wheat or jalapeno cheddar homemade sourdough buns. All types of fries are on the menu including border fries (picante, guacamole, jalapenos and cheese), chili cheese fries, cheese fries, feta fries and frontier fries (hickory, BBQ, picante sauce and cheese and of course the regular style. Payment Accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Average Price: $5
Hours: Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Brooks Bar B-Q (SD)
501 E. Texas Ave.
685-5079

Opened in 1979 and closed in 2009 after an arsonist destroyed the building, Brooks Bar B-Q re-opened in April. Known for its "fat burgers" and barbecue plates, the restaurant also serves entrees such as chicken fried steak, fried shrimp, hamburger steaks and more. Sandwiches include grilled or fried chicken or fish, patty melt, BLT, chopped beef and sliced beef. Appetizers such as homemade onion rings, stuffed jalapenos, cheese sticks and hot wings also are available. Save room for a slice of homemade pie or another dessert.
Payment accepted: cash, checks, major credit cards
Entree price range: $3.50-$11
Hours: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday

Tank's Bar-B-Que and Catering (Carry out)
401 East Scharbauer Drive
684-0006

Owner "Tank" (Gerald Connally) operates this carry out restaurant (call in your order before you arrive or walk up to their window) offering delicious barbecue ribs, brisket, sausage and turkey by the pound or plate. Friday, try the fried catfish. Traditional side dishes, beans, potato salad, onion rings and fries are also served. Claims to have one of the best burgers in town. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment Accepted: Visa, MasterCard, cash.
Entrée price range: $2.75 for a hamburger to $9 for a 3-meat combo.
Hours: Tuesday-Wednesday 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Thursday-Saturday 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Texas Burger (OAC)
3306 W. Loop 250 West, 500 W. Wadley Ave.
522-2177

A Bobby Cox Companies restaurant that originated in 1967, Texas Burger has three locations in Odessa, one in Andrews and two in Midland. Menu includes a variety of burgers and sandwiches as well as chicken strip, steak finger or shrimp dinner plates or baskets. Corn dogs, hot dogs, frito pie and a number of salads also are listed on the menu. Prices are reasonable and the kid's menu offers several options. The restaurant also features desserts with ice cream and frozen custard.
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 A.M.-11 p.m.
Entree price range: $1.29 - $7.09

Fuddruckers (OAC)
4511 N. Midkiff Rd.
689-0448

Located inside Midland Park Mall, Fuddruckers offers several different sizes of hamburgers and a variety of toppings. The menu also includes chicken sandwiches, salads, hot dogs and more. For customers wanting healthier options, the restaurant serves buffalo, ostrich, turkey and veggie burgers. Desserts include freshly-baked cookies and brownies as well as ice cream and shakes.
Price range: $5.50-$10
Hours: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday - Saturday

KD's Bar-B-Q (OAC)
3113 Garden City Highway
683-4013

Voted the Gold Medal winner for barbecue in the Reporter-Telegram's Top 100 Contest, KD's Bar-B-Q serves a variety of barbecued meats and sides. Customers choose their meat from the grill. Choices include turkey, brisket, ham, chopped beef, several types of sausage, pork chops, chicken, pork tenderloin and ribs. Sides include potato salad, coleslaw, corn and roasted jalapenos.
Entree price range: meat priced per pound; sandwiches $5-$6.50
Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Deli/Sandwich

Murray's (OAC)
3211 W. Wadley Ave.
697-3433; for catering call 689-3433

Warm and friendly with an inviting atmosphere, Murray's is the place to go for a delicious and relaxed lunch or dinner. Delicious deli style hot or cold sandwiches and soups. Caesar salad with blackened (or grilled) chicken breast, grilled tuna or shrimp. Be sure to try a Murray's "Best Burger" for a delicious burger and a side of their famous curly fries. Also offer tuna or shrimp scampi, tilapia, chicken, and chicken alfredo. Great selection of desserts. Catering available. Wide selection of beer served. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée Price Range: $4-$7, evening $4-$10
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Harvest Caffe (OAC)
2101 West Wadley, Suite 8
218-8331
www.harvestcaffe.com

Popular meeting place of many Midlanders either for breakfast or lunch. Breakfast burritos, soups, salads and sandwiches. Specialty coffee drinks served all day. Wide selection of gourmet desserts such as cheesecake, lemon bars, brownies, pies and cake. Several TVs on softly and a fireplace in the back. Meeting room available as well as seating outside on their porch. Payment types accepted: Visa, Mastercard, no checks.
Average Meal Price $7
Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Jason's Deli (OAC)
4610 N. Garfield, Suite D 1-B
682-2200

Inviting salad bar with fresh fruit, various salads and the large selection of healthy sandwiches. All of the foods are free of artificial trans fats. Vegetarian and heart healthy items are noted with a "V" or a "heart" beside the entrée. Soups and salads. When it comes to sandwiches, you name it, they have it. Kid's menu and free soft serve ice cream with meal. Catering, call in, or order online. Delivery available. Trays of food available for events. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks, cash.
Entrée Price Range: $5-7
Hours: Daily 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

McAlister's Deli (OAC)
2306 Rankin Highway, Suite 100
www.mcalistersdeli.com
687-0880

Winner of the Midland Reporter-Telegram Top 100 category for best sweet tea in Midland. Soups, salads, Texas sized-spuds with all the toppings, signature sandwiches such as a grilled chicken breast club, sweetberry chicken or a muffuletta. Large selection of traditional deli sandwiches. Kid's menu and catering available. Payment types accepted: all major credit cards, checks.
Entrée Price Range: $4.50-$6.50
Hours: Sunday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Swensen's (OAC)
900 W. Loop 250 N. (Loop 250 and "A" Street)
570-7271

One entire menu for food and one for ice cream creations, an immaculate dining room, fast, friendly service and great value. Appetizers and huge selection of sandwiches-grilled, cold, warm, pita, and burgers. Various salads are available such as a crispy chicken, chicken Caesar, chef, Cobb, chicken or beef fiesta, and a chicken or tuna salad platter. Visit the ice cream counter or order from your table. Catering available. Payment Accepted: credit cards, cash.
Entrée price range: $4.25-6.95
Hours: Monday and Tuesday 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Wednesday-Sunday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Taste of Chicago's Italian Beef (OAC)
1100 E. Illinois, corner of East Illinois and La.m.esa Hwy
682-3200

Chicago inspired sandwiches such as corned beef, Italian beef, Italian sausage, Reuben, Polish sausage, gyros and Chicago style hot dogs. Meats are tender and sliced thin, breads are grilled for some of the best sandwiches around town. Homestyle fries and chips. Drive through window. Payment Accepted: cash, credit cards.
Entrée price range: $3.49-$5.99.
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

Dessert

Sweet Soul Dessert Bar (OAC)
3001 W. Loop 250 North, Suite G-113
520-2900

This is the perfect place to satisfy a sweet tooth. Cookies, cakes, bitty buns, cobblers and brownies (Saturday is "Brownie Day" featuring seven flavors of brownies). Dessert of the day each day featuring a specialty. Pies and cakes, special orders for birthdays or any event. Several sandwich choices for eat in or carry out. Catering available. Try a dessert and their soft serve ice cream and then watch the latest sports on their big screen TV. Payment Accepted: checks, cash.
Hours: Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Your Way Yogurt (OAC/Buffet)
2300 W. Wadley Ave. Suite D
697-4393

Located at Garfield Road and Wadley Avenue, Your Way Yogurt offers customers a chance to create their own dessert. Customers may choose from a variety of flavors in soft-serve frozen yogurt along with more than 50 toppings. Yogurt flavors include vanilla, chocolate, white chocolate mousse, Dreamsickle, citrus cooler and many more. Toppings include strawberry, caramel, marshmellow, pineapple and chocolate syrups, crumbled cookies, candies, fruits and more.
Price range: pay by weight or choose $1 frozen treats
Hours: noon-10 p.m. Monday - Saturday, 1-9 p.m. Sunday

THE KING'S SPEECH
Rated R
118 minutes

★★★½

Gorgeous, if familiar: 'The King's Speech' is flawless in many ways

By Christy Lemire
Associated Press

"The King's Speech" is the kind of handsomely photographed, weighty-yet-uplifting period drama that seems to arrive amid great fanfare come awards time each year. It's based on a true story about British royalty — always a favorite among those coveted voters — features a glittery cast and hits every note you expect it to hit.

To quote Radiohead, no alarms and no surprises.

And yet the film is so flawlessly appointed and impeccably acted, you can't help but succumb. If you can get past the nagging sensation that what you're watching is a cynical calculation to appeal to the Academy, well, you'll be delighted, because the "The King's Speech" is undeniably charming.

Director Tom Hooper ("The Damned United," HBO's Emmy-winning "John Adams") and writer David Seidler give the people what they want: "The King's Speech" is high art for the masses, but you could also look at it as familiar fare that's been gussied up. At times it feels like no less of a mismatched-buddy comedy than the Todd Phillips road-trip flick "Due Date," although the opposites who initially clash and eventually cling to one another are played by the esteemed Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush.

Firth, functioning as the Robert Downey Jr. figure, is arrogant and uptight as King George VI (father of Queen Elizabeth II), who's struggled all his life against a debilitating stutter; Rush, in the Zach Galifianakis role, plays speech therapist Lionel Logue, who persuades the priggish royal to loosen up with his unorthodox methods — encouraging him to sing and spew profanity, anything to get the words out in a fluid stream.

And there's even a climactic deadline they have to make: The king, or "Bertie" as Lionel calls him to his great annoyance, must deliver a radio address to unite and inspire his people as the country stands on the brink of World War II. And hey, there's Timothy Spall, hamming it up as Winston Churchill, urging the king in a performance that almost feels like a parody, but it's a hoot.

But because it's so well made, "The King's Speech" allows you to forgive its formulaic nature. The obligatory training montage, for example, is shot so lushly and edited so briskly, it's almost thrilling. Same with the standard misunderstanding that keeps these guys apart before their inevitable, feel-good reunion: The argument takes place in a park with harsh, misty daylight streaking through the trees, and it's striking.

While the movie itself isn't always subtle, Firth is. He immerses himself, making the king's pent-up rage feel palpable, and making us feel sympathy for him without allowing the performance to devolve mawkishly. His Bertie is dignified, of course, but also deeply sad, and his relationship with Lionel causes him to realize that he's never had a real friend. The nannies who raised him don't count, and his father, King George V (a cruelly intimidating Michael Gambon), wasn't much of a pal.

Helena Bonham Carter, sharp and no-nonsense in her snobbery as Bertie's wife, the Queen Mum, stands earnestly by his

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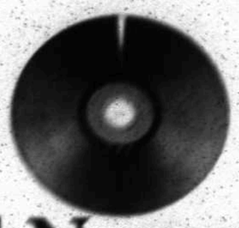
DVDIVA'S *pick of the week*



'The Social Network' heartily recommended as pick of the week

By Nancy Adamson
DVDiva

Pick of the week —

THE SOCIAL NETWORK (PG-13) Having just secured the Golden Globe for his directing this film, David Fincher is surely the frontrunner heading into the Academy Awards. But he would have to have done quite a lot to screw up Aaron Sorkin's genius script to not have won, and it's Sorkin and the great ensemble cast who deliver the most. This film should overcome it's horrible poster art and DVD cover to take home several prizes at the Oscars, including best picture, which it richly deserves. A-

ALPHA AND OMEGA (PG) Wolves fist bump, wear pigtails and go veggie in this disappointing feature. If you're going to make a condescending cartoon for little kids, why add insult by making some of the language so unfit it needs a PG rating? An impressive list of actors, including Justin Long, Hayden Panattiere and Danny Glover, don't add a bit to this dopey movie, and in a totally unfitting epitaph, this is one of Dennis Hopper's last films. D

PIRANHA (R) There's lots of blood, nasty characters who get what they deserve and few scenes that are funny — the best of which I can't describe here, other than to say one of the predatory fish bites off more than it can chew. But there's also a lot of rampant misogyny, predictability and poor taste. Hard to believe Richard Dreyfuss and Elisabeth Shue signed on for this, it's not hard to believe Jerry O'Connell did. But, it's decent popcorn fare if you can get past the warnings. B-

DVDs are provided courtesy of the Blockbuster Video store located at 4311 Andrews Highway.

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BARGAIN BIN PICK OF THE WEEK
This feature looks at some of the overstock and going out of print titles you can find around town, usually for around five bucks. Spotted this week:

HOLLYWOODLAND (R) Oscar winner Adrien Brody, Diane Lane and Bob Hoskins deliver outstanding performances, but Ben Affleck's turn as George Reeves, the actor who portrayed Superman in a TV series in the 1950s and died under mysterious circumstances, was positively sublime. It's a film that will have you wondering whether there is, indeed, a Superman curse.

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the Queen Mum, stands earnestly by his side, but theirs is a rather mechanical relationship in which they do what they must to keep the monarchy humming. Meanwhile, Guy Pearce's contributions feel like a bit of an afterthought; he plays Bertie's older brother, King Edward VIII, who takes over the throne after their father's death, only to abdicate for the woman he loves, American divorcee Wallis Simpson — hence, Bertie is now at the helm.

The friendship that develops between him and Lionel, though, provides the film with its sweet, beating heart. Rush is adorably disheveled here, confident regardless of the formality of the situation. He's afraid of nothing, in contrast with his powerful but nervous patient, and watching the sparring matches between two actors at the top of their game is nothing short of a joy. You may as well give into it.

Capsule reviews:

"THE DILEMMA" — Add to Vince Vaughn's canon of gonzo enthusiasm the blissful image of him using a makeshift blowtorch on a suburban block, screaming, 'I'm going to burn your face off!' His act maybe isn't as fresh as it once was, but Vaughn still puts a charge into movies. Ron Howard's comedy begins and ends in hokey cliche, but for a brief period in the middle, it carries a slight hint of Billy Wilder, playing uncomfortable stuff for not entirely dumb laughs. Chicago engineers and buddies Ronny Valentine (Vaughn) and Nick Brannen (Kevin James) each have long-term partners: Ronny's girlfriend, Beth (Jennifer Connelly), and Nick's wife, Geneva (Winona Ryder). After Ronny sees Geneva cheating on Nick with another man (Channing Tatum), he descends into a world of infidelity where seemingly everyone is cheating. Unfortunately, Howard's light-but-thorny examination of marital disfunction becomes distracted by pratfalls and standard bromance comedy. Ryder matches Vaughn's wildness, but Connelly isn't given a chance and James isn't up to it. Sports metaphors proliferate until the film sinks into them, finally, senselessly concluding on an NHL rink. PG-13 for mature thematic elements involving sexual content. 110 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— **Jake Coyle, AP Entertainment Writer**

aOpening Friday at Tall City 14: "No Strings Attached"

Already showing at Tall City 14: "Black Swan"

Last showing today at Tall City 14: "Gulliver's Travels"

Today at Tall City 14: 8 p.m. "Gantz," a Japanese live action film. Tickets: $12.50.

Opening Friday at Big Sky Drive-in: "No Strings Attached"

Last showing today at Big Sky Drive-In: "Tron"

"THE GREEN HORNET" — Someday soon, hopefully, 3-D will be exposed for the sham that it is. We will all realize that, for the vast majority of films, shooting in or converting to 3-D offers absolutely nothing from a narrative standpoint, and very little visually; all this gimmick really adds is money at the box office through higher ticket prices. But until that blessed day comes, we will continue to be bombarded with mediocre action pictures like this. It didn't have to be this way. There was reason for hope. "The Green Hornet" comes from director Michel Gondry, who's known for visually inspired films including "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" and "The Science of Sleep." Hearing his name attached to a big, studio superhero movie — starring Seth Rogen, of all people — may have sounded incongruent, but at least it was intriguing. Instead, Gondry has come up with a surprisingly generic, bombastic action movie. Based on the 1930s radio show, "The Green Hornet" stars Rogen as Britt Reid, playboy heir to the Los Angeles publishing empire built by his father (Tom Wilkinson). But when his father dies suddenly, Britt realizes he has a chance to use his fortune for good, and decides to become a vigilante crime fighter with the help of his father's mechanic, the soft-spoken but ever-resourceful Kato (Taiwanese pop star Jay Chou). PG-13 for sequences of violent action, language, sensuality and drug content. 118 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— **Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic**

"COUNTRY STRONG" — Some of the best country songs are the ones that tell a story — ones that feature vivid imagery, a strong narrative drive and a killer emotional payoff. In telling the story of a self-destructive singing superstar, this hints at the possibility of delivering that kind of moving experience, but ultimately it's too meandering and uneven to ever truly tug at your heart. Writer-director Shana Feste's film occupies an uncomfortable sort of middle ground. It's not rich enough, and its characters aren't developed enough, to be a searing drama or a portrait of artistic torment; "Coal Miner's Daughter," this is not. But at the same time, it isn't over-the-top enough to be enjoyed as a divalicious guilty pleasure. Still, "Country Strong" has its moments, mainly in the music, all of which is enjoyable if not earth-shattering and is actually sung by its stars. Gwyneth Paltrow plays Kelly Canter, whose boozy benders are legendary. Her husband-manager (Tim McGraw) pulls her out of rehab early to put her back on the road. Along for the ride are the honky-tonk hipster with whom she's having an affair (Garrett Hedlund) and a beauty queen with her own dreams of country stardom (Leighton Meester). What follows is a series of flirtations and dalliances, breakdowns and inebriated episodes, none of which seems to carry any more significance than any other. PG-13 for thematic elements involving alcohol abuse and some sexual content. 111 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— **Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic**

"BLACK SWAN" is at once gorgeous and gloriously nutso, a trippy, twisted fantasy that delights and disturbs in equal measure. Darren Aronofsky takes the same stripped-down fascination with, and appreciation for, the minutiae of preparation that he brought to his Oscar-nominated "The Wrestler" — the best film of 2008, according to yours truly — and applies it to the pursuit of a different kind of artistry: ballet. All the intimate, behind-the-scenes moments are there, the matter-of-fact glimpses of the tricks that go into the performance as well as the toll this demanding activity takes on the body. But then the director mixes in a wildly hallucinatory flair as "Black Swan" enters darker psychological territory. Aronofsky spins a nightmare scenario within a seemingly gentle, pristine world. The camera swoops and swoons, making us feel as off-kilter as the film's tormented heroine. The visions and dreams soar seriously over-the-top at times, but always knowingly so, and with great style; "Black Swan" wallows in its grandiosity, and if you're willing to go along with it, you'll find yourself wowed by one of the best films of the year.

Rated R for strong sexual content, disturbing violent images, language and some drug use. Running time: 110 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four.

AP Movie Critic Christy Lemire

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STUDIO 3600 SERIES: WARREN TAYLOR
Opening Reception: 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 27. Public welcome.
When: now-March 25
Where: McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building, Midland College campus
Info: "Past & Present," current and collected works Taylor

"ANNIE GET YOUR GUN"
When: 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27; 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 28 (The morning show is a for-school performance only); 8 p.m., Jan. 28; 8 p.m., Jan. 29; 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30
Where: Lee High School Auditorium
Tickets: Students: $5; Adults: $10 at MISD Central Office or NTune.
Info: Call 689-1034 or e-mail misd.district.musical@gmail.com. Students from 18 campuses have worked under the direction of seven MISD faculty members to master the music, dancing and technical details of the show.
Watch progress on Facebook: Annie Oakley

THIRD ANNUAL GOSPEL CONCERT SERIES
When: Jan. 29
Where: Bellview Baptist Church
Info: Ernie Haase and Signature Sound: 6 p.m. Jan. 29. Sold out.
Series: Legacy Five: 6 p.m. April 16. Tickets on sale March 22.
Gold City: 7 p.m. May 20. Tickets go on sale March 22.
Booth Brothers: 7:30 p.m. Aug. 19. Tickets go on sale June 14.
The Hoppers: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 and 2 p.m. Oct. 29. Tickets go on sale Aug. 23.
Tickets: $23 for seats in the "artists' circle" comprised of the first three rows of the sanctuary or $18 for all other reserved seating. For tickets or more information, call the church office at 682-9474.

WEST TEXAS WINDS
When: 7 p.m. Jan. 29
Where: CEED, Highway 191
Info: Performing ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc.

THIRD ANNUAL DANCES FROM THE ISLANDS
When: 7 p.m. Jan. 29
Where: Yucca Theater, 208 N. Colorado Ave.
Info: Hosted by Aloha O Hawaii Polynesian Dance group, directed by Diane Faulkner. Features guest dancers including Dance Tahiti and Tahiti III from Alpine, Halau o Keilii from Dallas, Halau Hula O Na Hoku Ha'alele from New Mexico and Desert Polynesia from San Antonio. Dances of Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti, and New Zealand will be performed, with colorful costumes of each island.

"Chaparrals" by Warren Taylor

Tickets: $10 advance $15 at the door.

THE TEXAS TAKEOVER GRAPPLING TOURNAMENT
When: Jan. 29
Where: Horseshoe Main Arena
Info: Presented by 24/7 Entertainment

"THE SKIT GUYS"
When: 7 p.m. Feb. 2
Where: First United Methodist Church
Tickets: Free. Contact Jay Gage, Youth Pastor at jaygage@firstmethodistmidland.com or 682-3701.

LECTURE BY REALISM ARTIST PHILIP PEARLSTEIN
When: 5:30 p.m. Feb. 3
Where: UTPB's CEED Building auditorium, Hwy. 191 and FM 1288
Admission: Free
Info: Pearlstein lives and works in New York City and is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus from Brooklyn College where he taught for 25 years. From 2003-2006, the octogenarian artist served as president of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

DINNER THEATER
When: Fridays and Saturdays Feb. 4-12, 7 p.m.
Where: The Barn Door Steakhouse, 2140 N. Andrews Highway, Odessa
Info: Mark 10 Theatricals will present "Ye Gods!," a sex-farce set on Mount Olympus written by Bill Kirkley and Sean Frith. Dinner reservations, which are optional, required by Wednesday before the performance. Dinner in the restaurant: 6 p.m., a cash bar in South 40: 6:30 p.m., Show: 7 p.m.
Reserve tickets: on line at www.mark10theatricals.com. $20 show-only, $15 show with dinner reservations paid separately a la carte. Rated PG for comic adult situations.

PIANIST WANDA PAIK FROM BOSTON
When: 3 p.m. Feb. 5
Where: Midland College campus
Tickets: Free. Open to the public.

SILVER SPUR GUN & BLADE SHOW
When: Feb. 5 and 6
Where: Horseshoe

MIDLAND DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET ONCE-A-MONTHER
When: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 12 and March 5. Weekly markets start March 26.
Where: 501 W. Texas Ave., under the green to stock up on the best in local goodies.

WEST TEXAS KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW
When: Feb. 12 and 13
Where: Horseshoe

MIDESSA MOTORCYCLE SHOW
When: Feb. 19
Where: Horseshoe

PERMIAN BASIN HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION
When: Feb. 25-27
Where: Horseshoe

"THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE"
When: Feb. 25
Where: The Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road
Call: 432-332-1586, 580-3177

Other

"Love is Never Late," by Fern H. Crume (religion and inspiration), 2 p.m., Jan. 29, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
Knitting Guild of West Texas (adult crafts/hobbies), 3 p.m., Feb. 5, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Kids Zone

"Gingerbread Friends" storytime, 10:30 a.m., Jan. 29, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.
"Josefina Javelina: A Hairy Tale" storytime, 10:30 a.m., Feb. 5, Barnes and Noble Booksellers.

Road Trip

Alto, N.M.
Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" 7 p.m. Jan. 31, Spencer Theater for the Performing Arts. Tickets (selling fast) are $76 & $79. Call 1-888-818-7872.

Mescalero, N.M.
WYNONNA
When: Wednesday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m.
Tickets: Start at $31.75 and can be purchased at www.InnOfTheMountainGods.com.

Lubbock
The 3rd annual Rock & Worship Roadshow: Mercyme, Jars of Clay, Thousand Foot Krutch, Matt Maher and The Afters to City Bank Coliseum Feb. 26. Also hip-hop artist LeCrae. Admission: $10 at the door. VIP admission is $100 and includes early admission. For more information call 1-800-965-9324 or go to www.rockandworshiproadshow.com.

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